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Missionary Compares China's Bamboo Curtain With Russia's Iron Curtain

Bonham, Tex.—(BP)—What is the difference in Russia's Iron Curtain and China's bamboo curtain? Rex Ray, Southern Baptist missionary in China, thinks that the Bamboo curtain has a few holes for escape. At least that is his experience, according to a letter to friends here.

Ray tells of his flight with his wife from Toi Shan to Cheung Chow, an island in British territory near Hong Kong. Toi Shan was in Red China.

Ray was in Canton at a Baptist convention and made his way back to Toi Shan by train, afoot and by taxi, paying exorbitant prices for a train ticket and to the taxi driver.

At Toi Shan, the Reds liberated all prisoners and called in the bandits to patrol the town, robbed the girls schools of \$30,000 and fired the superintendent, replacing her with 18-year-old boy who hadn't finished high school.

He had to obtain official papers twice before the Reds allowed him to leave Toi Shan for Macao from where he and Mrs. Ray went to Cheung Chow.

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Brazil Needs Christian Leaders

By O. K. ARMSTRONG and MARJORIE MOORE ARMSTRONG

RECIFE, Brazil—"These are our two greatest needs for Brazil: First, more missionaries from the United States. Second, more and more trained young Brazilian Baptists, ready to carry the gospel and Christian education to their own people."

Southern Baptists staked a claim to Brazil in the name of Christ 70 years ago. Since then, our workers and their converts in this greatest of countries in South America have had to struggle against two allied forces—Catholicism and ignorance. Almost 70 per cent of all Brazilians are still illiterate. Our schools for Christian education are proof that some ground has been gained that will never be lost.

Here in Recife, three Baptist schools occupy a whole block in the residential section. Within the city limits are 56 Baptist churches. One school, known as Colegio Baptista, includes grade school, high school, and junior college, with an enrolment of 1,000 students. Summer school was in session during our January visit. The elementary section has outgrown its quarters and Missionary Katherine Cozzens is supervising the construction of a handsome two-story building.

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R. B. PATTERSON GOES TO ALCORN ASSOCIATION Served Pontotoc Co. 4 Years



REV. R. B. PATTERSON

Rev. R. B. Patterson has resigned as Associational Missionary in Pontotoc county and has accepted a similar position in Alcorn county.

He has served Pontotoc county since 1946, when the association first began associational mission work. During these four years, three churches have gone full-time, making a total of four full-time churches; seven have started half-time work.

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Opposes Federal Aid To Sectarian Schools

Separation of Church and State a Pillar of Democracy

By DR. ELLIS A. FULLER and DR. W. C. BOONE

DR. MILLER TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR



DR. W. LANDON MILLER

Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor of the First Church, Brookhaven, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour every Sunday during the month of February. He will be heard over the following stations:

At 8 a. m. over WHBQ, Memphis; WRBC, Jackson; WRJW, Picoayana; and at 2 p. m. over WSLI, Jackson.

In view of the prominence recently given by the Louisville papers, the position of Baptists concerning the propriety and legality of Federal and State grants of money to sectarian hospitals, it is only fair that a statement be made of the reasoning which constrains the Baptist people to refuse such aid.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Fuller is president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Boone is State Mission Secretary in Kentucky.)

As stated by the editor in the Courier-Journal on November 22, 1949, "A principle is sterile indeed when all human values must be sacrificed in its application . . ." but the question of what human values are sacrificed immediately presents itself. Furthermore, the underlying basis of the principle must be examined to determine its validity as well as its application.

When the framers of the Federal Constitution were completing their work an effort was made to add a Bill of Rights, but the framers felt that the matter of religion could be left to future Congresses. However, it developed that the Constitution had no hope of being accepted, without a Bill of Rights, which is now the first ten amendments to the Constitution. It is notable that the first words of these amendments read "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The language covering the church and state thus is put ahead even of freedom of speech and freedom of the press, which are considered as bulwarks of our democracy. Baptists are firmly convinced, along with a majority of other Americans, that the separation of church and state is one of the chief pillars of our democratic freedom in this country. Our forefathers were convinced that the establishment of religion, regardless of the church involved, was inimical to the welfare of the whole people. It is evident, therefore, that the separation of church and state, in which most Americans believe, is not based historically upon fine theorizing of theologians and philosophers, but is based upon the experience, and generally the sad experience, of the people.

In any discussion of the separation of church and state we are all too prone to visualize the state on the

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"LEAVE DRINKING ALONE," IS ADVICE TO YOUTH FROM WALKER, HART, JUSTICE, AND 52 ALL-AMERICANS

"I don't drink and my advice to American youth is to leave drinking entirely alone. You can have plenty of good, clean fun without alcohol, and your life will be happier if you learn to say, 'No, thank you.'"

That advice comes from Doak Walker of Southern Methodist University, Leon Hart of Notre Dame, and Charles Justice of North Carolina—and from 52 other All-American caliber football stars whose statements appear in the January issue of The Allied Youth. Stressing the importance of clean living and clear thinking, these nationally prominent athletes leave no doubt that their success has been possible because they were total abstainers, in season and out. They debunk the popular fallacy that drinking is necessary for prestige, popularity, or happiness.

Walker, three-year All-American, was named by Collier's as "Player of the Year for Sportsmanship." Hart, also three-year All-American, won the

Heisman trophy and two other awards as "Player of the Year." Justice, twice All-American, is rated the greatest kicker of all time.

Other All-Americans whose statements are featured by The Allied Youth include Emil Sitko and Bob Williams of Notre Dame, Arnold Galiffa of Army, Wade Walker of Oklahoma, Lee Nomellini and Clayton Tonnemaker of Minnesota, Al Wistert of Michigan, Art Weiner of North Carolina, Bernie Barkouskie of Pitt, and John Schweder of Pennsylvania.

Allied Youth is non-political, non-sectarian educational organization, using education, recreation, and personality guidance to help teen-agers face social pressure for drinking. It works chiefly through high school Posts in 29 states, the District of Columbia, and Hawaii. The Allied Youth is its monthly magazine for teen-agers, published from its headquarters at 1709 M. Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

OPPOSES FEDERAL AID

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one side of a fence and the church on the other, with the fence intervening as a barrier which must not be crossed or penetrated by either the state or the church. This is contrary to life.

The relationship should be that of partners and equal partners, the one contributing primarily to the physical, and other contributing primarily to the spiritual welfare of the people. A citizen who in his spiritual life is a member of some church, still has his civil states duties and privileges.

When President Harry S. Truman leaves the White House Sunday morning to go to the First Baptist Church, he is not uniting church and state, because when he enters the doors of the church he is private citizen Harry S. Truman and not President Harry S. Truman. When he returns to the White House he carries with him his own religious beliefs and convictions, but not to act as a member of a sectarian church.

Baptists recognize that as Christians they are changed with the three-fold mission of preaching, teaching and healing. Baptists find it difficult to draw any distinction between direct subsidies to hospitals and schools on the one hand and to church congregations on the other, where the money, in the latter case, would be used for the payment of church expenses, including the salaries of ministers or priests.

It is argued that if government contributions are not made to sectarian hospitals and schools, particularly for those "fringe" items pertaining to schools, such as free buses, textbooks, health, etc., the people will suffer and humanity will be outraged.

Baptists point to their own experiences to disprove this position. They have built many and great hospitals throughout the South without federal or state aid, and are contributing mightily to the welfare of the community. Baptists are supporting their own schools without asking for even the so-called "fringe" contributions. It is no answer to say that the refusal of the state to furnish free transportation will endanger the life of the pupil and will tend to coerce the parent into sending the pupil to a public school. If the parent desires to send his child to a private school, there is no reason why he should be afforded free bus transportation than that he should be afforded free tuition. If free textbooks are not a violation of the principle of church and state, there would seem to be no good reason why free school buildings should not be likewise permitted.

With respect to hospitals, about which the present discussion arose, it is significant that the federal government is spending millions of dollars in the erection and maintenance of hospitals for veterans. If the government can build hospitals for veterans who have been discharged from the service, there is no reason why the government should not build hospitals where needed for the general public. Insistence upon the principle of separation of church and state does not mean that our sick must go without medical care and attention, or that our children must go without education.

It is interesting to note that the Lutheran Pastoral Conference of Greater Cincinnati published a statement on June 9, 1947, in which it was stated "Almost from its beginning in this country the Lutheran Church has maintained parochial schools. Never

at any time has it asked for either federal, state or county aid in maintaining its schools. The granting of such funds is, in our estimation, a violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States."

Much stress has been laid upon the tax-free status of property belonging to churches, schools, hospitals, and other charitable institutions. The point is made that for the federal and state governments to forego the collection of taxes is, in fact, to make grants in aid to such institutions which are for all practical purposes no different from grants of actual money.

We feel that the church and state should support one another morally and spiritually as two good neighbors, but like good neighbors, each should keep its hands out of the pockets of the other. As the churches should not expect material aid from the state, so the state should not be permitted to take material aid from the churches through taxation.

Even if we accept the generally held opinion that the churches and their institutions are free from taxes because they contribute service to the community of equal or greater value, there must be a line drawn somewhere unless the principle of separation of church and state is to be completely voided. If we are to admit that there is no distinction between tax forgiveness and contributions to hospitals amounting to two-thirds of their costs, it is not a very long step to permit the entire cost of the hospitals to be furnished by the federal or state government. If we are to admit that tax-exemption is comparable to free bus service and free textbooks, then it is only a short step to free school buildings and pay for teachers.

Hospitals in which the state has a large stake, schools in which the state is heavily invested, should not be surprised if private control is substantially limited by rules and regulations of the state. We hope and believe that America will remain free from the taint of totalitarianism. But state interference in the affairs of the churches is a long step in that direction. A strict adherence to the principle of separation of church and state will go far toward insuring that we shall remain free. Southern Baptists insist that their position is based upon a deep-seated conviction and, that as institutions church and state must be separate; their position is in no sense "arbitrary."

It is by no means a matter of contentings for "an abstract principle" at the sacrifice "of all human values." The dignity, autonomy and freedom of the individual is the basic human value, the very heart of which is freedom in relation to God.

Baptists have been unwilling to violate this principle as interpreted by them, even for the purpose of easing their financial burdens.

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NEW YORK—(RNS)—ALL OF CHINA is opening up gradually for the distribution of Scriptures, according to reports received here by the American Bible Society. Scripture distribution is under way in the southern and southwestern parts of the country, and the presence of "a growing hunger" for Scriptures in north China has been reported.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS HAVE voted to reconsider their action accepting \$697,356 for their hospital through Hill-Burton funds. A number of associations have taken action asking for reconsideration.



FATHER AND SON—DR. MERRILL D. Moore and his son, Merrill D. Jr., recently made a father-and-son tour of South American mission fields. They touched 13 countries in a 26,000 mile trip. Dr. Moore is secretary of promotion for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

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making a total of 11 half-time; four new churches have been organized, making 40 churches in the association.

Last year, 1949, showed the following gains over 1945, which was the year before the associational mission program began: 1069 more members in 1949 than in 1945, or a total of 7,948; 348 baptisms or 160 more than in 1945; 36 Sunday Schools, a gain of 9; 17 Training Unions, a gain of 12; 14 WMU's, a gain of 5; 20 Vacation Bible Schools were held in 1949, compared with 2 in 1945. During 1949, \$2,309 was given to Associational missions, \$7,654 to the Cooperative Program and a total of \$17,174 for all missions. There are now four pastors, a gain of two, and eleven pastors are living in the county, a gain of three.

In 1945 it took 36 Baptists in Pontotoc County to win one; in 1949 it took only 22 to win one.

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ing for the school to enter by June.

The Training School, directed by Missionaries Maye Bell Taylor and Cathryn Smith, last year graduated ten young women into special Christian work, from a student body of 60. In December, 1947, Mildred Cox, then director, married Dr. Mein, president of the Seminary. Thus a professional partnership of 16 years became a perpetual one.

The North Brazil Seminary trains pastors for service in the constantly expanding evangelistic program of this vast section of Latin America. Students range in age from 20 to 62; they are accepted only on recommendation of their churches and after careful examination.

We visited the almost-finished school building for a new Colegio Baptista to be opened this spring at Fortaleza.

Everywhere in North Brazil we found a restrained optimism. Facilities and equipment for acute needs of long standing are being provided and the Advance Program promises more.

As we fight illiteracy and superstition with evangelism and education, we are winning adults and young people in Brazil to an intelligent understanding of the Bible and a faith in the living Lord.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING
UNION ATTENDANCE

January 29, 1950

Laurel, First	646	160
Laurel, Second Avenue	454	127
Columbus First	942	296
Union (Pearl River County)	144	173
Hebron (Jones County)	94	71
East Moss Point	201	89
Kosciusko, First	571	175
Brooklyn	97	59
Ludlow	113	
Yazoo City, First	339	82
Siloam (Simpson County)	76	82
Gulfport, First	723	176
Hattiesburg, Main Street	862	237
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	118	85
Long Creek (Lauderdale County)	65	49
Centerville	134	52
Forest Hill (Hinds County)	147	143
Union (Pike County)	67	73
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	185	97
Carson	103	106
Brookhaven, First	789	181
Hamilton Street Chapel	98	49
Central Chapel	116	104
Beulah (Simpson County)	164	148
Big Creek	64	43
Paul Truitt (Rankin County)	211	148
Rawls Springs (Lebanon Association)	151	122
Calvary (Amite County)	77	96
Wellman (Lincoln County)	77	53
Pascagoula, First	598	233
Eastlawn Mission	59	33
Unity	37	27
Chapel No. 2	46	
East Fork (Amite County)	106	65
Meridian, Fifteenth Ave.	513	132
Meridian, Highland	502	229
Meridian, South Side	372	166
Meridian, Forty-First	291	70
Meridian, Oakland Heights	155	71
Byram (Hinds County)	129	107
Bethlehem (Scott County)	146	63
Carmel (Lawrence County)	90	71
Mt. Vernon (Leflore County)	80	75
Union (Alcorn County)	45	96
West Corinth	179	79
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	105	44
Lucedale	292	113
Darling	66	30
Evergreen (Winston County)	77	25
Marion	115	122
Crystal Springs	637	172
Ingomar	138	65
Tupelo, Harrisburg	473	182
Wheeler	80	66
Bruce	228	84
County Line (Copiah County)	118	72
Goss	95	78
South McComb	267	57
Friendship (Rankin County)	65	48
McComb, First	596	132
Pelahatchie	131	28
Cherry Creek	98	74
Friendship (Pike County)	171	101
West Laurel	451	149
Brandon	200	76
Value Mission	65	
Harmony (Tippah County)	92	20
Florence, Steen's Creek	160	62
East Side (Rankin County)	132	72
Jackson, First	1362	320
Jackson, Calvary	1426	320
Calvary Mission	34	33
Jackson, Davis Memorial	384	160
Jackson, Van Winkle	421	233
Jackson, South Side	308	114
Jackson, North Side	530	188
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	356	153
Jackson, Parkway	845	263
Parkway Chapel	120	56
January 22, 1950		
Bethlehem (Scott County)	112	96
Long Creek (Lauderdale County)	68	56
Chester	75	
McComb, First	596	117
Hebron (Jones County)	90	83
Forest Hill (Hinds County)	135	153
Ingomar	139	66

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"WORSHIP IS NEVER COMPLETE until it issues in evangelism, and evangelism is never complete until it issues in worship. Worship is the perpendicular relation of the church to God, while evangelism is the horizontal relation of the church to man."—W. Boyd Hunt, The Sunday School Builder.

Mississippi Baptists—Your Secretary Says:

"Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

I

This week closes eleven years of service in this work and marks with February 1 the beginning of the twelfth year of service as your Executive Secretary. We have no desire to review the multitude of events transpiring these eleven years and there is little need for it because the record speaks for itself. We refer to the steady increase in the number of baptisms, tremendous increase in finances, steady increase in the number of pastors, churches, and grand total membership. Nine of these eleven years mark a harmony unsurpassed in our period of which we have known in our thirty-four years of ministry. One tremendous campaign after another launched and practically every one closed successfully.

Rather we turn to thank some people as staff members, pastors, other church officers, and 300,000 Mississippi Baptists altogether, for their love, and prayers, and cooperation! A number of friends in other Christian groups have also meant a great deal in our ministry. We have repeatedly thanked England Motor Company, Greenville, as they stand out in keeping us in transportation for heavy schedules during the war. Ratcliff Brothers, Clinton; Harold Bradley, Jackson; Gulf Service Station, Clinton; City Service, North West Street at Mississippi Street, Jackson; Gulf Service Station at intersection of North West and Woodrow Wilson Drive in Jackson, and many others have also been helpful.

In giving us printing on the dot, Purser Brothers lead the list with Artcraft, Hederman Brothers, Standard, Tucker, and others. Outside of Jackson, years ago Dan Patch helped us along the printing line while he was at Baldwin, and in more recent years firms at Philadelphia, Vicksburg, etc.

Insurance has gone to Jackson and Laurel firms, and we are indebted to them for relieving us of the burden of details along this line.

Incidentally, this schedule suggests that we have somewhat spread Baptist business as a state business. We feel with someone giving more time to it real advantage might accrue to the work at this point.

During the war, office equipment for printing the Baptist Record presented a real problem. We could not get new addressographs and growth in circulation and efficiency demanded an increase of from three to seven or eight machines. Where were we to get them? After searching far and wide, at Pruitts in Chicago we were able to get two or three rebuilt machines. They saved a great deal in the emergency. The addressograph people at New Orleans were helpful. Practically all of our machines were very old machines. Two gave way last year and we purchased two new ones which, incidentally, were paid for this year and will reduce profits a bit.

A little thing like wrapping cord could hardly be found during the war. We looked all over Mississippi. Dr. Ray helped us find a roll in Starkville and Brother J. B. Ray buying some for us at Tupelo. Again using our Chamber of Commerce membership we looked and visited six or eight wholesale firms in Chicago. Even then we could not find what was needed for wrapping large Baptist Record packages but we did find a substitute.

Many such comparatively insignificant items about which you know little or nothing figured largely in the triumphant victories registered by Mississippi Baptists during the emergency days of the war.

As we have so often done, a trip over

the Christmas holidays, when our offices were closed for a week, was made to count in Board service in two items. One of these had to do with the use of the strip list in printing the Baptist Record. It had been pressed upon us as being very advantageous. It involved quite an expenditure, however. Taking some few days we went to the addressograph firm, Young Office Supply, and a paper using that system and studied it rather minutely. We think we got the answer and with the saving of several hundred dollars to the Baptist Record.

The Postoffices at Jackson and Vicksburg have been generous. Postoffices, mail carriers, and clerks all over the state and beyond have been helpful.

Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Dickens, along with others, at the Passenger Station have helped us make our engagements requiring train schedules.

To pastors and churches and all friends in Christ everywhere (and it would be impossible to name them) who under the hand of our God have made possible this story of achievement, we thank you!

II

Next week, if plans work out, you will see in these pages the churches that walked with Jesus in His Missionary work in 1949. Acts 1:8 and 20:35. See II Corinthians, chapters 8 and 9. Count them and you will find 1326 churches giving to all causes through the Cooperative Program—a gain of some four hundred churches over ten years ago. That is progress! You will find 1447 churches giving to some cause. Heaven looks upon these pastors and churches! According to the office secretary who counted them, and the bookkeeping department who keeps the figures, that leaves only 181 churches giving nothing! That remains 181 churches too many. Did Christ do nothing for them? John 3:16. Did the Holy Spirit give nothing to them? I Corinthians, chapter 12!

"And Jesus sat over against the Treasury and beheld how people cast money into the Treasury." Mark 12:41. Do you not suppose he saw those who did not cast in?

He knows the spirit in it all too! Matthew 5:23-24.

III

We were aiming high three and four years ago when we went after such laymen as M. F. Rayburn, Meridian, and M. P. L. Berry, Clinton, for Business Manager—financier—treasurer—administrator. We believe only top men should fill such positions—or none at all. We should pray for the Spirit's leading for the fine Committee now working at this task! Jesus always points the way. Read Matthew 9:37-38.

IV

The Summit church continues to grow under the leadership of Brother Roe Wilson. Sunday morning during January we had the privilege of bringing the gospel message. Large congregation. Two additions. Fine spirit. We were delightfully entertained in the home of John and Mary Cain. That afternoon we were out in the Crystal Springs Community near Tylertown. They were ordaining deacons and we had the privilege of seeing several of our fine pastors and a large number of our other friends. Brother John Evans is the very fine pastor here.

At night we were with the East MeComb Baptist Church, Brother E. C. Edwards, pastor. We were amazed at the building expansion, and yet I should have known it from the large number of people attending these services. It was good to be with Brother Edwards and

his people.

V

While Pastor Thurman Booth was closing a revival at Meridian we had the delightful privilege of speaking to his people at Terry. This church has made marvelous progress these years, erecting a lovely educational plant and giving the pastor and his fine family a lovely parsonage in which they live. Folks come to church, also there in fine spirit. They have a good Brotherhood, along with other fine organizations.

Some of our pastors and laymen have expressed regret at the Evangelistic Conference being off center geographically. Some have said they could not attend for that reason. While it is possible that the attendance may be somewhat restricted, we still feel that a very good attendance should be registered. Another year it may be brought back to the center of the state.

VI

We asked the Bookkeeping Department for a list of printing for one of the years back when we were really getting out into a comprehensive and profitable promotional program. Some of you will remember some of these materials. We had a two color poster printed that adorned the walls and bulletin boards in churches throughout the state for a number of years. We constantly ran into them in our visitation program.

You will note that we used only three printing firms during this period though through the years we have spread printing orders from deep north Mississippi through central Mississippi and other publicity items into south Mississippi. The list follows:

January 1943—Purser Brothers,	500 Convention Annuals	\$ 537.50
February 1943—Purser Brothers,	15 M Letter Heads	43.75
	10 M Duplicate Receipts	31.95
	5 M Letter Heads	27.40
March 1943—Purser Brothers,	10 M Cash Letters (two sides)	37.50
April 1943—Purser Brothers,	10 M "Helps All Causes"	26.30
May 1943—Purser Brothers, 10 M	"Sat. night Conv."	36.00
June 1943—Tucker Printing	House, 10 M Letter Heads	39.00
June 1943—Hederman Brothers,	10 M Bible Markers	24.75
July 1943		None
August 1943		None
September 1943—Hederman Brothers,	3 M Titling Posters	350.00
	3 M Cooperative Program	350.00
Posters		
October 1943—Purser Brothers,	2 M Every Member Canvases	46.00
Cards		
		\$2,525.33

VII

OUT OF THE LETTER BOX

We present these few excerpts for two reasons: first, because they and others have the right of expression, and, second, as typical of multitudes of such letters received they show an appreciation and cooperation for truth and righteousness that keeps them under the responsibilities of the work of Christ.

This sentence is out of a letter just received: "We always enjoy your page in the Record as well as others written by you."

A Sunday School Superintendent writes, "I never did have the opportunity of taking Bible Study except reading at home and trying to serve as superintendent of our Sunday School. Such stories as you send sure help and are appreciated so much."

From a successful pastor of one of our largest churches and found in the top bracket comes this report: "We are glad to keep hearing good reports of the Lord's work in our fine state. May the Lord bless you and keep on making you a blessing." The matter of hearing is a great many times a matter of im-

DUANE IVEY DEDICATES LIFE TO THE MINISTRY



DUANE IVEY

On December 25 Duane Ivey dedicated his life to the ministry.

Duane, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ivey, will graduate from the Kosciusko High School in May and plans to enter Clarke Memorial College in September.

On Jan. 15 he brought his first message to a packed house of interested friends who were anxious to hear him.

Duane and Rev. Hayward Moore of Clarke Memorial College are two members of the Second Church, Kosciusko, who have been called to the ministry in the past three years—Rev. E. S. Hall, Pastor.

interpretation. The above pastor is a constructive minded Board member and a great helper in the gospel.

VIII

FOUR SINS WHICH CRUCIFIED JESUS

By Peter Rees Joshua
Published in January, 1950,
Moody Monthly

(continued from last week)

A third sin which crucified Jesus is a monster; you will find it in Mark 14:56. It is a perfect definition of a sin which is rampant in the Christian Church of our day, the sin of scandal. "For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together."

Scandal is a hydra-headed, poison-fanged monster. It is vocal murder, and one of the commonest sins to be found in professing Christians in this hour. No wonder Evangeline Booth once said, "The longer I live with some Christians, the more I love to be with sinners." Oh, we have turned away from many of the grosser sins, but many a Christian, sad to say, is guilty of taking a life and, without the slightest investigation, damning it with scandalizing whispers which leave even the innocent defenseless.

Three times during 1948 it was my privilege to enter large cities to spearhead city-wide spiritual campaigns for men who stand supreme in godly character and evangelical power, men whose lives for decades have been proved as separated unto God. And three times during that one year I discovered whisperings of gossip and scandal being echoed among Christians by someone led by a fiend of hell to lay the shadowy finger of suspicion upon one whose shoe latches he was not worthy to touch. In each case I used every means of tracking down the truth, but discovered not one shred of evidence to substantiate the charges that came from hell itself.

Before revival can come to Christendom, letting loose the majestic winds

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Sunday February 5 Is World Alliance Day

In the Jan. 19 issue of the Baptist Record was an announcement and an appeal by Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee, concerning Baptist World Alliance Sunday on February 5.

Baptists should make this an important day in 1950. The truth is that it should be observed so generally that it could be described as near unanimous.

All our churches; large churches, small churches, city churches, town churches, country churches, weak churches, strong churches, rich churches, poor churches, should take an offering on that day for the relief of suffering and hungry Baptists in other areas.

If every Baptist could see what we saw on our tour of Europe in 1947 there would be no necessity for an appeal for an offering.

A recent letter from the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance and signed by Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, BWA President; Dr. H. H. Bingham, Vice-President; Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, General Secretary and Dr. W. O. Lewis, Associate Secretary names several things that we can do in our churches on February 5 which will strengthen the cause of our Fellowship and so extend the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

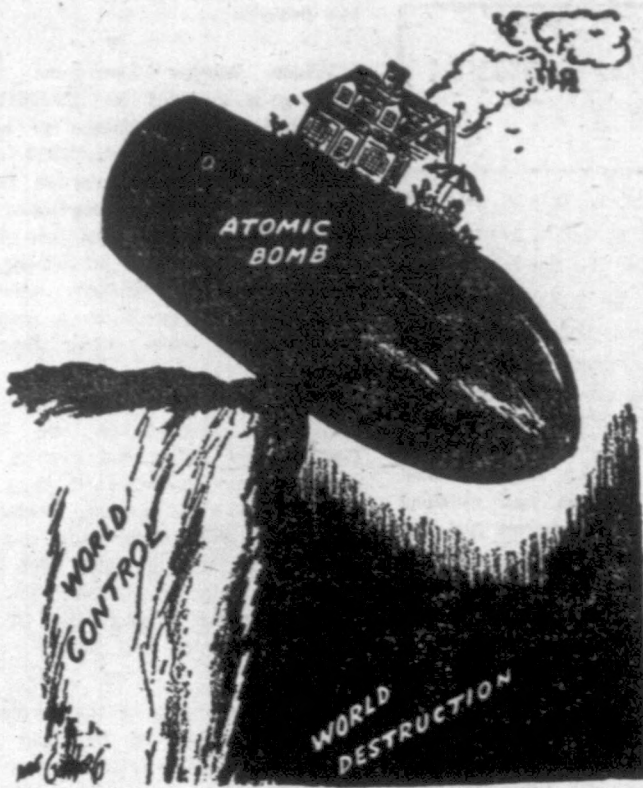
"First, we can pray for our people in private and in corporate prayer. We have over sixteen million members scattered throughout the world. In some countries many of our people are on the verge of starvation, some are imprisoned; a number are labelled, and are compelled to live, as Displaced Persons; some congregations are not allowed the sacred privileges of public worship.

"Secondly, we should praise God

for the privilege of serving our less fortunate fellow-Baptists in the war-torn areas of the world. God has opened the hearts of our people, and their liberality has flown from their love for their Lord. It would be impossible to estimate the worth of the gifts of food, clothing, money and other things that have gone forth to the needy peoples. Some countries out of their austerity "have poured forth a flood of rich generosity." Let us then praise God for this fellowship fostered by our Alliance; a fellowship that in no way interferes with the independence of our churches, but moves the soul to sing "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. . . ."

"Thirdly, we may well from our pulpits on this February 5 once more sound forth those great principles for which we stand. If there was ever a time when it was necessary to propagate Baptist principles and the tenets of our faith, it is now. Corruption of New Testament doctrine and domination of state or church over the souls of men has done much to bring about world unrest and world revolution. One of the primary purposes for which our Alliance exists, is to proclaim and safeguard soul liberty for all people everywhere. This is not the hour to lay down "the sword of the Spirit!"

Fourthly, on this Alliance Sunday Baptist churches in many lands will be taking a special offering for the work of the Alliance. Each year the number of countries and conventions thus participating is growing. No memorial to the great leaders who have given so much to promote our Alliance, could be more fitting than helping maintain the heritage they have bequeathed us. Alexander MacLaren, J. H. Shapkespeare, John Clifford, Robert S. MacArthur, E. Y. Mullins, J.



This cartoon by Rube Goldberg was awarded the Pulitzer Prize as the best cartoon of 1949. It is reproduced by courteous permission of Mr. Goldberg. Obviously the insecure and terrifying peace of today which it so realistically depicts is infinitely far removed from the peace that comes from following Him who came "to guide our feet in the very way of peace."

H. Rushbrooke, John MacNeill and George W. Truett, these are some of the men who have passed on and left to us in sacred trust that Alliance which claimed so fully their devotion. In praising the Lord for their lives, let us dedicate ourselves to carrying on their work.

Fifthly, let our people everywhere know of the coming Congress to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 22-27 of this year, 1950. It will be a history-making gathering, and Baptists even in the most remote and restricted places of the world will eagerly await the deliverances of this Congress.

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Unionism In Action

Hardly a day passes that we do not receive either a paper or a letter setting forth the urgent need of a union of the denominations in America. Because Southern Baptists have turned a cold shoulder to all such propositions we have been called "A problem child" by the Christian Century. Others lament long and loud about our inability to see the many advantages of a union of all denominations.

We see no advantage for Baptists in Unionism. We have mentioned it a few times in these columns. But the fact that we have not editorialized on it each week does not indicate any unconcern on our part.

We recall the story about the woodpecker. Two hunters saw a woodpecker about fifty feet up a tree. One of them took aim and then lowered his gun. The other in disgust said, "Man, are you crazy. Why don't you shoot the woodpecker." His companion replied, "Why waste my ammunition. I am going to wait and let the fool beat his own brains out." That's what they are doing. Give them time.

There are many arguments

against Unionism. But we mention just one at this time. Unionism won't work unless there is real union. It would be silly to try to mix the Christian Church which believes in baptismal regeneration with Baptists who believe in salvation by grace. It would be just as absurd to try to mix the highly emotional Pentecostals with the non emotional Episcopalians.

As concrete evidence of the fact that Unionism won't work we give below some facts about recent merger efforts of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Churches.

According to Religious News Service, "A civil suit seeking to prevent a merger of the Congregational Christian Churches with the Evangelical and Reformed Church opened in Supreme Court here before Justice Meier Steinbrink.

"According to the plaintiffs, the proposed merger will set up a 'general of national Church, of which individual churches will be subordinate parts.' They maintain further that if the merger goes through, individual congregations will sacrifice freedom in conducting their own affairs.

"They also see the merger as establishing a new denomination with a totally different form of church government which will divert funds from the uses and purposes for which they have hitherto been used."

Another Religious News Service report says:

"Trustees and deacons of First Congregational church here have approved the filing of a civil suit, if necessary, to halt an impending merger of the Iowa Conference of Congregational Christian Churches with the Iowa Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

According to Dr. Max Strang, pastor of First Congregational, the church is the first in the state to approve such a suit. He said that if the congregation found it necessary to press its litigation, at least 14 other Congregational churches in the state would join in the suit.

In other words, Unionism will not work. It would be union in name and not in deed.

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THE BROADMAN PRESS HAS COME out with a book by Jack B. and Edith Fellows which will be a great joy to those who love to give and plan socials. The book, THE SOCIAL KIT, is a loose-leaf notebook of "Game Kit Number II, 100 Icebreakers." The various games are on cards four by six inches and can be taken out of the binding from time to time to assist the user. The Cards and Binder are \$3.25, or may be bought separately, cards \$1.00; binder, \$1.25. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the publisher.

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of the Holy Spirit upon the world then this sin within the Church surely, must be cleansed, for its very presence would pollute the channels that would bring the breezes of deliverance we so desperately need. Strong words; but we do not need aspirin tablets for the condition today, if an awakening is to come; we need a major operation!

I love what Dr. J. H. Jowett has to say to Christians regarding the scriptural phrase, "if thy brother trespass," or "if thy brother sin." "But," says Dr. Jowett, "we must be quite certain about it first. We must not jump to conclusions." I like that immensely! It suggests the value of waiting for agreed witness. We must not dabble in the prattle of gossip-ridden neurotics. Jesus said, "the pure in heart shall see God." Pure hearts never nourish careless, suspicious, evil thoughts.

"For many bear false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together." A remarkable definition of scandal this, and we find it everywhere, forging nails with the tongues of professing Christians who stoop to gossip, not realizing that in so doing they reanimate one of the very sins which sent their Lord to Calvary!

The last of these four sins is found in Mark 15:15. It is another sin clearly evident in the camps of Christendom today, the weakening sin of servility. "And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged Him, to be crucified."

Pilate was willing to content the people; he was servile. Servility is a sin of weakness; a mean, base submission to others, a backboneless, middle-of-the-road spirit of compromise, which often sells Christ and His glorious mission and message to please others. "Willing to content the people." Here is no crude, blatant sin; but an insidious, subtle, dangerous sin, that can break a ministry like a potter shatters an imperfect vessel.

My soul has been refreshed of late with the evidence of godly, evangelical leaders finally uttering their deep concern regarding this deadening sin of servility; this willingness, for various reasons, to content the people. People today, for example, are tuned to thrills and excitement and entertainment in the world, and these mechanics have in late years flooded the sanctuaries of God at the expense of God's holy dynamics. Why? Because of a willingness "to content the people."

What sins are being wrought within the sanctuary in the name of this phrase, when we are faced with the closing hours of an age that will usher in salvation's climax for the redeemed, and eternal damnation for the lost! Oh, how innocently, in a passion wrongly channeled to win the world for Christ, we can lose sight of the great implements of salvation—a broken and contrite heart, fervency in righteous prayer, a vessel yielded and guided by the Holy Ghost, and a sincere desire to hide all flesh behind the cross. How easily we can lose all these in a subtle surrender to longing for popular approval, one of the very sins which nailed the Lord of glory to the cross!

I have presented for solemn reflection the four sins which crucified the Son of God. I do so because I feel sincerely that as we pray for world-wide revival we need a deep vision of the Church's condition as she faces the world's need.

Another great Jowett, Benjamin Jowett of Oxford, who is widely known as a scholar and translator of the English classic every student loves, "Dialogues of Plato"—this mighty scholar, respected by world opinion, was one day boasting to an educated prince from India of the marvels of Western culture, invention and military power. When he was through, the Indian prince quietly

DANIEL MEMORIAL CHURCH OPENS LIBRARY



One of the outstanding features of the church program in the new building now nearing completion at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, is the library service provided for members of the church and the community at large. Official opening of the library was on January 8, with 450 volumes. For the first ten days 175 books were checked out. Rev. Wayne E. Todd is pastor, and Mrs. A. E. Alexander is Librarian.

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DURANT TRAINING UNION TO SPONSOR ACTIVITIES

The Training Union of the Durant church announces its calendar of activities for 1950 and will emphasize certain points for each month of the year. Major activities are as follows:

1. Bible Reading crusade with a goal of 250 daily Bible readers.
2. Increased Prayer Meeting attendance on Wednesday night. Average attendance is already nearly 150, with the new goal being over 200.
3. Emphasis on "Reverence in God's House."
4. Increased attendance at the Saturday night Youth Rally. These inspirational services for young and old alike are held each Saturday night from 7 to 8 o'clock at the Baptist church. These services are not only for the people of Durant, but all surrounding communities are invited to attend. The theme song will be "Christ For Me."

said in a cultured, and well-controlled voice: "All that you have said, Dr. Jowett, is very true. You Western people of privilege have miraculously mastered the air like birds; you have conquered the sea like fish. Now may I suggest that you learn to walk the earth like Christians?"

How we need to learn to walk—in every way—like Christians. We need badly to realize that the mighty men of God used from the days of Samuel and David to Malachi and Moody were Spirit-filled men, prayer power men, lonely men, separated unto the spirit of prayerful Peniel, God drive us back as ambassadors for Christ to wrestle with God as Jacob wrestled alone until the revelation comes to Christendom that a Holy Ghost revival can only flow through cleansed, sane followers of Christ, whose hearts and minds are grooved in the sanity and wisdom of God's imperishable Word and way.

JOHN ATKINS ORDAINED

John Atkins was ordained to the full ministry of the gospel on January 22 by the Northside Church, Columbia.

Rev. B. C. Willcutt, Northside pastor, served as moderator and Rev. Turner Davis, Jr., preached the sermon. The charge was given by Mr. Willcutt.

Five deacons were present from Enon Church in Clay County, one from Phoebe, three from Southside and five from Northside.

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REV. ELTON MOORE IS WALNUT GROVE PASTOR

Rev. Elton Moore has accepted the pastorate of Walnut Grove Church. He is also attending the New Orleans Seminary, where he will receive the Masters Degree in Religious Education in May. After graduation he will give his full-time to the work at Walnut Grove.

Mr. Moore, a native of Newton, is a graduate of Clarke College and of Mississippi College, and served two years in the Navy. He has also served as pastor of New Hope Church in Leake County, Russell Church in Lauderdale County, Cash Church in Scott County and Silver Springs in Pike County.

Mrs. Moore is a graduate of Clarke and Mississippi Colleges and has had one year's study at the N.-O. Seminary. She is the former Jean Cooper of Morton.

NASHVILLE, TENN. — (BP) — MORE than a million dollars for Southwide and worldwide missions causes reached the offices of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention during the first 16 days of 1950. The exact total, announced by Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, was \$1,019,843.30. This compares with \$1,210,626.91 for the entire month of January last year.

The World On Your Heart?

The world was and remains on the Heart of God! "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

The world was and remains on the Heart of Jesus! "And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world." I John 2:2.

The world was and remains on the Heart of the Holy Spirit! "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." John 16:8.

The Christian is to have men of all the world on his heart! "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

Multitudes of Mississippi Baptists DO HAVE the world on their hearts! One proof is that for eleven consecutive years Cooperative Program contributions to world causes have increased! These figures do not include local and state gifts but only Mississippi's contributions via Convention Board to the Nashville office for all Southwide and Worldwide Causes.

Sent to Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee each year:

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIFTS
1939 - 1949

1939	29,036.64
1940	30,057.55
1941	35,473.16
1942	62,337.55
1943	96,481.76
1944	132,322.80
1945	195,314.34
1946	210,275.55
1947	248,346.78
1948	277,535.20
1949	291,382.40
	\$1,608,563.82

Cooperative Program Plus Designated — Totals
1939 - 1949

1939	66,070.40
1940	76,273.43
1941	84,259.10
1942	137,115.21
1943	207,763.01
1944	241,836.95
1945	325,254.03
1946	487,461.34
1947	398,411.94
1948	425,881.40
1949	446,367.02
	\$2,896,693.93

*1946 was the year of the great relief offering!

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Southern Seminary Conference Scheduled for March 20-24

Chapel To Be Dedicated

Preaching, teaching, special conferences, and drama will feature the annual Pastors' Conference at Southern Seminary, Louisville, March 20-22.

A typical day's schedule will be: 8:30 to 9:30 a. m., class lectures by members of the Seminary faculty; 10 a. m., lecture by an alumnus; 3 to 4 p. m., simultaneous conferences on pastoral counseling, Christian ethics, missions, church administration, religious education, and public relations; 7:30 p. m., devotional by faculty member and sermon by alumnus.

Special events will include: dedication of Alumni Memorial Chapel; a drama, "The Passing of the Third-floor Back" and a drama-pageant, "Mine Eyes Have Seen," by Professor Charles A. McGlon; meeting of faculty and alumni.

Preachers for the conference are: Dr. J. Maurice Trimmer, pastor of Fifth Avenue Church, Huntington, W. Va.; Dr. James L. Sullivan, pastor of Bellemont Heights Church, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. H. Guy Moore, pastor of Broadway Church, Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. Millard Berquist, pastor of First Church, Tampa, Fla.; Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, pastor of Second-Ponce de Leon Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. L. D. Johnson, pastor of First Church, Danville, Va.; Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of Southern Seminary; Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president of Baptist World Alliance.

Scheduled to lecture are: Dr. M. T. Rankin, of the Foreign Mission Board, "Substitutes for God's Way"; Dr. Walter P. Binns, president of William Jewell College, "Christian Education"; Dr. T. L. Holcomb, secretary of the Sunday School Board, "Evangelism"; Dr. W. O. Carver, professor emeritus of missions and comparative religion, Southern Seminary, "Southern Seminary in Baptist History"; Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of New Orleans Seminary, "Southern Seminary and the Future of Baptist Theological Education."

A committee headed by Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, of the Seminary faculty, is in charge of housing for the conference. There are three types of accommodations available: hotel, private homes, dormitory. There will be a nominal charge of 75 cents a day for sleeping accommodations in the Seminary dormitory. Rooms in homes will be available for \$1.50 a day per person. Meals may be secured in the Seminary cafeteria. Those planning to attend should write immediately Dr. Goerner.

All sessions, except simultaneous conferences and classes, will be held in the new Chapel.

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No Vacant Seats At Nassau Revival

NASSAU, Bahama Islands—(BP)—A Baptist goodwill tour in the Bahamas has turned into an evangelistic crusade, according to Dr. Guy A. Bellamy, leader of a group of six laymen now visiting Negro churches of the island.

He writes, "The greatest experience of my life. We had more than 80 professions of faith last night. We lost count of exact number. The building is full. Every inch taken. They sit on laps, stand in aisles, in doors, windows, more out in the street than inside. We have a P. A. out-

BAHAMA ISLANDERS WELCOME BAPTIST GROUP

REV. ALBERT J. KONDY

Pastor First Church,
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

A group of seven men composed of six pastors and one newspaper editor led by Dr. Guy Bellamy, secretary of Negro work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has just returned from the Bahama Islands where more than 500 people came confessing faith in Jesus Christ during the eight days of preaching, January 8-15.

The crowds came in large numbers to the extent that the buildings were filled by 6 o'clock each night. People sat on the floor, in the windows and stood outside the church. By 7:30 they came in and sat on each others laps.

The revival came to a climactic conclusion on Sunday afternoon, January 15. More than 100 came forward confessing faith in Christ, out of an audience of 3,000 and 4,000 people.

It was most interesting on Sunday morning in that about 800 of the natives gathered at Bethel Baptist Church at 4:30 and started marching to the ocean, singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." At daybreak and the old gentleman marched down into the ocean, stuck the pole in the sand and then each pastor brought his candidates down to Dr. Bellamy to be baptized.

The population of the Bahamas is 85,000, of whom 6,000 are white. There are approximately 300 Negro Baptist Churches with 29,000 members.

Upon the arrival of the ministers at the island, they were received by Governor E. L. Evans, who is successor to the Duke of Windsor. Because of his interest in the Baptist cause and program the way was made much easier for the men to preach. At a meeting one afternoon in Rawson Square with more than 2,000 natives Mrs. Evans was the only white person to attend other than the white ministers. The group was also received by the American Council which provided additional freedom in their preaching.

One day the party made a trip by boat to Andros Island from Nassau. It was 12 o'clock noon when they located a church building. They rang the bell and within fifteen minutes the building was full of natives eager to hear the Word of God. Rev. E. L. Smith of Oklahoma City preached and there were 13 conversions.

The influence of the meeting stirred the entire city of Nassau, both white and colored. Five factions among the Negro Baptists were successfully united under the leadership of Dr. Bellamy. It is hoped that the Home Mission Board may be able to take over the direction of the work in the Bahamas.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board said, "this can be done if the women of the Southern Baptist Convention give a sufficiently large offering during the coming March week of Prayer."

side. Since Sunday night we have had more than 80 professions. Never in my life saw such rich field and such a response."

Dr. Bellamy is superintendent of Southern Baptist Negro work.

Senate Committee Hears Of Evils Of Liquor Advertising W.C.T.U. President Says Advertisers Have A Stake In Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C., Friday, January 13, 1950—If the opening day, Thursday, set a bewildering pace for testimony and widespread attacks upon liquor advertising from the proponents of the Langer Bill before the U. S. Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, the developments of Friday have already, as this is being written, surpassed the initial session in excitement and sharp interchange between the members of the committee and witnesses, particularly those appearing against the bill.

Whereas in previous hearings attendance had either been meager so far as visitors from outside the Capitol were concerned, this time at both Thursday and Friday sessions the large Senate Caucus Room was filled with citizens, both men and women, who manifestly were preponderately dry. There was scarcely a member of the Committee absent at either session and, as evidence that they were following the testimony with unusual interest, Committee questions multiplied, the many statements of witnesses prompted further inquiry by various members.

As announced in the morning papers, brewers, distillers, winemakers, advertising men and representatives of labor unions associated with the liquor trade made up the list of those opposing the Langer measure. Apropos of this, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, National President, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, pointed out with keen perception: "Let me call your attention to the fact that the people who will testify on behalf of such advertising have a stake in it themselves. Those who are testifying against it have nothing to gain except a happier feeling about little children who are not being deprived of the things they need, especially their own parents, by liquor, and the pleasure of seeing youth walking free and untrammelled the way of health and happiness instead of becoming sordid victims of the greed of a traffic that knows no conscience."

E. Stanley Jones, of New York City, internally famed religious leader, in his testimony for the Langer Bill, said: "We find that instead of regulating itself the re-legalized saloon has now set out to propagate itself. It has laid hold of the psychology of advertising and has set out to win the hitherto unreached classes, the special drive being on women and the younger generation. . . . Today the psychological frontiers are all down and the minds of children through radio and television are being tainted in the direction of favorable attitudes toward liquor. . . . The stage is set for a drunken nation. This situation can only be stopped by the stopping of interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages. . . ."

Norman Vincent Peale, author of "A Guide to Confident Living" and other best sellers of the hour and the distinguished minister of the Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, sent his forthright plea on behalf of the Langer measure in this direct fashion: "As a pastor I am continually being forced to deal with the influence of radio, magazine and newspaper material as it affects the thinking and the moral practices of young people. The constant reference to liquor and the sinister manner in which it is made attractive is without any question having a pronounced effect

in the moral deterioration of American youth. . . . I cannot speak too forcibly in conveying to you my humble opinion that your Committee will render a great service to the young people of our country by reporting this Bill favorably."

Roger Babson, noted economist, head of the Babson Institute, Wellesley, Massachusetts, sends an urgent plea for favorable action on the Langer Bill: "Millions of families with teen-agers in their home circles . . . resent liquor advertising in magazines to which they subscribe. These millions hate to have their children and grand-children constantly faced with liquor advertisements. I therefore earnestly endorse the Langer Bill and urge a favorable report by the Committee."



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A Good Suggestion

Writing in the Quarterly Review, Dr. R. Loftin Hudson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla., makes a suggestion that every church ought to heed, and that is that church provide their pastor with an annual fund with which to subscribe to magazines and purchase books.

Such an investment by churches in their pastors will bear rich returns. There are at least a dozen periodicals that every preacher ought to have in his library, but these particular magazines are expensive. In the course of a year at least a dozen books are published which every preacher should buy. A minimum of \$100 a year ought to be spent by every preacher on magazines and books. But such an amount is a large item to deduct from the average modest salary the preacher is paid.

Books and magazines are the tools of the preacher in his ministry. They are the channels through which he keeps abreast in the world of spiritual thought and action. Churches that thus provide for their pastor are wise and will reap benefits far beyond the amount they thus contribute.

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MISS BERNICE HENSLER

Miss Bernice Hensler of Los Angeles, California, is a new addition to the music faculty of Mississippi College at Clinton. Miss Hensler is a Baptist, has two degrees from Baylor University, the M. A. degree from Columbia University, Music Master from Eastman School of Music, and has studied three summers in Paris, France.

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WHERE ROMAN CATHOLICS ARE IN THE MAJORITY

What happens when the Roman Catholic Church is in full control of a nation and Roman Catholicism is the legally established religion to the exclusion of others, was vividly revealed in the Assembly of the United Nations when the Polish delegate Jan Drohojowski quoted from the legal code of Volivia.

As reported in The New York Times, the Bolivian criminal law declares, "All who conspire directly to establish another religion in Bolivia, or to cause the Republic of Bolivia to cease professing the Roman Catholic apostolic religion, are traitors, and will suffer the penalty of death."

There is a Baptist church in the capital city of Bolivia, the result of Canadian Baptist mission effort, as Rev. Franklin D. Elmer reported in his article, "That Strange Man in La Paz" (Missions, December, 1941, pages 586-591), and Bolivian Baptists are apparently not molested in the practice of their faith. Nevertheless, the law is on the statute books. It could legally be enforced at any time.

Here is a 20th century illustration of medieval law during the years of the Roman Catholic Inquisition when to be a Protestant meant torture and death. It is not surprising that Roman Catholic Bolivia was one of the nations that in vain urged diplomatic recognition of Roman Catholic Spain and its admission to the United Nations.—Dr. Wm. B. Lippard, Editor of Missions.

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DELTA PASTORS TO MEET IN CLEVELAND FEB. 7

The Delta Pastor's Conference will meet at the Cleveland Church on February 7 for the monthly meeting. The morning program, beginning at 10:30, includes a devotional led by Rev. W. L. Kirkland, discussions entitled "A Developing History" and "A Great Adventure" led by Rev. David Cranford and Dr. H. L. Lang, respectively, and the inspirational message by Rev. Nathan Fraiser.

Following lunch, to be served at 12:15, remarks will be heard from the President and a Bible Study will be led by Rev. Chester Molpus.

"WORSHIP WITHOUT EVANGELISM is fruitless Christianity. Evangelism without worship is powerless Christianity. The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever, but the only way to glorify God and to enjoy Him is to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations."—W. Boyd Hunt, The Sunday School Builder.

"THE BEST INSTRUCTION A teacher can give is instruction that sends his hearer to the New Testament with an inquiring mind and a willing heart. The Holy Spirit can be trusted to use the pages of the New Testament to bring conviction and conversion."—A. D. Foreman, Jr., The Teacher.

A DANGEROUS WEAPON: ARGUMENT may be a good weapon, but so is a revolver. As far as friendship is concerned, there is little difference between shooting somebody between the eyes with a .45-calibre pistol and bashing him over the head with a vanquishing argument—you lose a friend either way.—Erwin L. McDonald.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

First Baptist Church, Gulfport, Mississippi, February 28 - March 3, 1950
SONG LEADER -- HOWARD H. AULTMAN

MORNING SESSION

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Presiding		W. Landon Miller	Vernon May	Robert L. Palmer
		FELLOWSHIP, PRAYER AND PRAISE		
9:00	TRAVEL PRAYERFULLY	Van Hardin, Prayer	Richard M. Sumrall, Prayer	K. R. Grant, Prayer
9:25		A. L. Chumbley	M. S. Riley	J. B. Stewart
10:00		S. W. Valentine	W. C. Tyler	Judson Chastain
10:30		E. Y. Soileau	W. L. Meadows	T. R. McKibbens
10:40		PRAISE AND PRAYER		
10:55		Wilbur Lawrence	N. W. Cox	W. A. Keel
11:10		M. W. Perry		
11:30		PRAISE AND PRAYER		
11:45		CARLYLE MARNEY		
12:30		ADJOURN		

AFTERNOON SESSION

		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			J. I. Berryhill	David Byrd	
Presiding					
1:45	FELLOWSHIP	PRAISE AND PRAYER			Go Tell the Story Now
2:00		C. Y. DOSSEY CONFERENCE			
3:15		PRAISE AND PRAYER			
4:00		I. E. Rouse	I. E. Rouse		
4:35		ADJOURN			

EVENING SESSION

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Presiding	Charles McKay	J. S. Riser, Jr.	Solon Walker
7:00	Wm L. Clark, Prayer	J. J. Denson, Prayer	J. Aubrey Cothen, Prayer
7:20	C. Y. Dossey	C. Y. Dossey	C. Y. Dossey
8:05	PRAISE AND PRAYER		
8:25	CARLYLE MARNEY		
9:15	ADJOURN		

Sparks & Splinters

ROUNDABOUT CHURCH, COAHOMA County, held a baptismal service on January 22. Pastor J. N. Lee baptized at that time 23 candidates, making a total of 30 baptisms since he began his pastorate on November 10, 1949. Eight others have joined the church by letter. Attendance in the organizations, as well as in the worship services, is larger than in several years.

CLINTON, JAN. 28—MISS DORIS Dickson, daughter of Mrs. P. B. Lehman, Jackson, has been elected president of the Women's Student Government Association at Mississippi College. She succeeds Miss Frances Cheatham of Yazoo City who completed work for graduation at the end of the first semester which closed January 21.

FRANK E. SKILTON, DIRECTOR OF Public Relations at Blue Mountain College, will speak at the North Central Pastors Conference, Mathiston, Feb. 6 on the subject, "Christian Education Differentiated from Religious Education."

A COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE Lawrence County Association have been sent to the Baptist Record by John W. Terry, clerk and treasurer. Rev. B. E. Phillips is the moderator. The 1949 meeting was at the Waniha Church; the 1950 meeting will meet at Monticello. The minutes are well prepared and well printed.

APPROXIMATELY THIRTY NEW students have enrolled at Clarke College for the current term. These students come from various counties in Mississippi and other states.

REV. AND MRS. CAREY COX, Pastor and wife of the First Baptist Church West Point, were recent visitors on the Clarke College campus. Mr. Cox spoke at the chapel service bringing a message on Missions. Among the sensational facts that he gave were these: Of the almost seven million increase in the world's population within the last one-half century only about two million of them have been added to the Christian churches of all denominations; that the un-Christian populations is increasing more than twice as fast as that of the Christian; that although Southern Baptists in 195 years have increased from 150 thousand to 6,500,000 there are still 11 million un-churches people in our territory the great majority of whom is our chief responsibility. Rev. Cox stated repeatedly that the one hope for peace was the preaching and the acceptance of the Gospel of Christ.

THE MINUTES OF THE MARSHALL County Association have been sent to the Baptist Record. Rev. H. H. Aultman is the moderator and Mrs. Zallie Parpear is the clerk. The minutes are well prepared, giving a complete record of information regarding all the churches in the association.

PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED from Charlotte and Asheville, North Carolina; Washington, D. C.; Greenville and Spartanburg, S. C.; and Columbus and Atlanta, Ga., for the location of an Eastern Seminary. The committee will meet February 21 in Birmingham.

METHODISTS HAVE BEEN ASKED to "knock on every door in America" during 1950 as a part of their evangelic Advance.

"THE SAVIOUR WE HAVE ACCEPTED an dwhom we trust daily is the same Saviour who gave assurance to all of the great Christians we have ever known. We can trust Him, too."—J. E. Lambdin, The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

"SALVATION IS NOT A MATTER OF emotional experience or of the state of one's feelings; the saved man is one who has met the conditions of salvation as rightfully specified by Jesus, the Saviour."—John L. Hill, The Baptist Training Union Magazine.



Albert Roberts, Brandon, has been elected editor of "The Arrowhead," the magazine published monthly by the students of Mississippi College.

THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIVED a copy of the minutes of the Union Association. Rather than having a book full of charts, the digest of letters to that association are arranged in one well-planned chart, which is to be unfolded when in use. The chart is in the back of the minutes. Rev. M. G. Nelson is the moderator and J. Mack Jones is the clerk.

ALF ROSE AT VICKSBURG IS PUNISHED over the receipt of an unsigned post card inviting him for the morning service on Feb. 19. The card is postmarked "Naligh." If the writer reads this, will he please communicate directly with AM.

PROF. JAMES WOMACK, HEAD OF the Commercial Department at Clarke College is working on his Master's degree at Ole Miss. Mrs. H. T. McLaurin, wife of a former President of Clarke, will finish the current school year in this Department. Mrs. McLaurin has taught for years and is well known for her teaching ability as well as her church work.

REV. CHARLEY SANDIFER, Assistant Professor in the English Department at Clarke College is on leave of absence to work on his Master Degree at Ole Miss. Mrs. Sandifer will teach in his position until he returns. Mr. Sandifer has his B. A. from Mississippi College and his Th. M. from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

THE BAPTIST RECORD IS GRATEFUL to Mrs. O. G. Sharp of Route 1, Marks, who recently sent in a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Lock Station Church.

THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRECIATES a nice list of new subscriptions sent in by Jimmie O'Brian, Minter City, R.F.D.

DRAMATIC MONOLOGUES (\$2) IS the form chosen by Arthur Charles Wharton Stork in his book HEARTS AND VOICES, which gives the thoughts and experiences of the world's great composers. Each monologue is pictorial of the historical period and nationally represented, and should inspire and enrich the enjoyment of music lovers. Order from the Christopher Publishing House, 1440 Columbus Ave., Boston, Mass., or from the Baptist Book Store.

SRIMAD-BHAGAVAD-GITA (\$3.50), A volume of classic Hindu literature, embodies Swami Premananda's English translation of the Hindu religious text together with his own original parallel spiritual text. Mr. Premananda, a native of India, sets forth in this volume his own ideas of "The Revelation of the Supreme Self." Order from the Christopher Publishing House, Boston, Mass., or from The Baptist Book Store.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

BROTHERHOOD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Bowmar Avenue of Vicksburg—the Brotherhood is conducting Cottage-Prayer-Meetings for the purpose of establishing a Mission for the eastern part of Vicksburg.

Paul Truitt of Rankin County—Brotherhood purchased a piano for the church and is promoting Mission work and Stewardship.

Wellman of Lincoln County—is conducting visitation and assisting in the building program.

Cleveland of Bolivar—repaired and delivered toys to the underprivileged children at Christmas time.

Starkville of Oktibbeha County—has been doing quite a bit of Mission work in and around Starkville.

Senatobia of Tate County—has been promoting church attendance.

East Fork in Mississippi Association—has been painting the Educational Building.

New Zion of Walthall County—has been doing some home visitation.

Ruth of Lincoln County—has been sponsoring the idea of a County Missionary.

Shady Grove of George County—promoted a Christmas Tree

Program to raise money for the Building Fund and received a thousand dollars Christmas Day.

New Hope of Marion County—bought four chairs and paid quite a bit on curtains for the church and flowers for funerals.

Calvary of Hinds County—carried on weekly visitation on Monday evenings, prayer services every Sunday morning at 7:00 and visitation by a benevolence group every Sunday afternoon.

Central of McComb—adopted a family for Christmas and contributed some to the Union Mission.

River Avenue of Hattiesburg—conducts Cottage-Prayer-Meetings.

Southside of Columbus—conducted two services at County Jail and brightened the homes of two families at Christmas time.

Harrisburg of Tupelo—visited the lost and unenlisted.

Alta Woods of Hinds County—is building Sunday School rooms.

Myrick of Jones County—worked on the church building.

First Church of Brookhaven—sponsored the Bible Conference for the second year.

Rev. J. D. Walker Receives Warm Welcome in Texas

According to Texas reports, Rev. J. D. Walker, former Calhoun City pastor, is being well-received at Normangee, Texas, where he went after resigning at Calhoun City.

A native of Mississippi and a B.A. graduate of Mississippi College, Mr. Walker holds the Th.M. degree from the New Orleans Theological Seminary.

During his pastorate at Calhoun City there were 315 additions to the church and 76 additions to the church during the last twelve months of his pastorate, this being a record in the history of the church.

The Sunday School, the W.M.U. and its auxiliaries, and the Training Union showed substantial gains. The Sunday School reached the Standard in 1948 for the first time in seventeen years. Twice during Mr. Walker's ministry the W.M.U. met the requirements for an A-1 Full Graded organization.

The Church plant underwent various improvements. New pews, new rubber tile floors, and a heating plant were installed at an approximate cost of \$11,000. Many other improvements were made both in the church building and the pastorium.

Mr. Walker was active in Mississippi and Louisiana.

The people of Texas have given Rev. Walker and his family a very warm welcome. The work of the church at Normangee is growing steadily.

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"IF EVERY SOUTHERN BAPTIST would win another soul each year, and those won, in turn, would each win another during the year, within five years all of the people of the United States, and within a decade all of the population of the world, would be Christian. If this seems utopian, let each one ask the practical question: If you win one unsaved person to Christ each month, how long before your class would be Christians?"—James F. Heaton, The Teacher.

FINAL TABULATIONS MADE THIS week show that Southern Baptist churches sponsor 1,552 mission Sunday schools.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.—(BP)—MISSOURI Baptists are considering a program of advertising to educate people in what is involved in the marriage of Protestants to Roman Catholics, according to Dr. T. W. Medearis, general superintendent. They will print posters to be distributed to every church and Baptist home in the state. The posters will be planned around the promise Protestants must make to the Catholic Church when marrying Catholics.

THE EVANGELICAL UNITED Brethren reported a gain of 4,158 membership to make the total in the U. S. and Canada 723,893. They reported average attendance at the Sunday morning service at 51 per cent of the resident membership; 22 per cent at the Sunday evening worship; and 9 per cent at the mid-week prayer service.

THE BAPTIST RECORD of Texas has entered its new home at 2222 San Jacinto, Dallas.

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE office of the Baptist Record were: Rev. C. M. Day, Durant; John Marshall, Jackson; Miss Lexie Delle Muse, Rev. and Mrs. Homer W. Roberson, Greenville; Malcolm M. Leach, Jackson; Rev. L. W. Stanger, Brandon; Mrs. P. E. Kerah, Jackson; Mary Preston Myers, Judy Lee Bass, Jimmy Bass, Betty Brown, Sara Claire Hederman, Betty Ann Stevall, Jackson; James N. Brister, Yazoo City; N. E. Stone, Mobile.

REV. D. A. HOGAN, MISSISSIPPIAN, who is now on lend-lease in Louisiana, has resigned the pastorate of Zachary Church to accept the call of Calvary, Baton Rouge.

THE CURRENT ISSUE OF THE Southern Baptist Digest has an article entitled "America's Outstanding Sunday School and Educational Building." The article refers to South Main Street Church, Houston, Texas, of which Rev. E. H. Westmoreland is pastor. Mississippians will remember Mr. Westmoreland as having been pastor at Leland several years ago.

"THE GLORY OF CONVERSION IS the victory of the grace of God in a free soul."—Clifton J. Allen, The Teacher.

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y.—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMEN

Stewardship Chairmen should be the most active officers in Woman's Missionary Union this year for the success of the two great programs of Southern Baptists depends in a big way on our faithful performance of the task entrusted to us. The Advance Program to speed the Word of God to the heart hungry nations of the world undergirded by the effort to enlist every Baptist as a Tither is certainly a challenge to us to be about the King's Business. Local Stewardship Chairmen are, the most important members of the Stewardship Committee for working the plans and reaching our members is entirely their job. We are counting on you!

The Stewardship activity for February is our Poster Contest. Posters depicting as good stewardship thought and attractively presented in an original way have a definite teaching value for they speak in times and places when we can't. Have you planned for some from your society? We want the best ones from each association for the State Convention—the ones chosen the best at the convention will be sent to Ridgecrest for W.M.U. Week.

The Southwide Union has prepared for use in W.M.S. and Y.W.A. a booklet of stewardship devotionals "We Have a Treasure." Every society received one copy and other copies may be secured from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham for 10c. Please make use of this excellent material regularly. There are similar booklets for Juniors and Sunbeams—wonderful lessons on Stewardship. Let's help our young people's counselors in presenting these monthly lessons.

Be sure to check your tithers. Offer tithing another opportunity to those who are not yet tithers to begin for one of our goals is every member of Woman's Missionary Union a tither. Have you made your last quarter's report? It's not too late to do that even yet and reports are necessary so that we can test our plans by the results.

Some suggested helps to better do your job as Stewardship Chairman: "It is Required in Stewards," free booklet from W.M.U. Headquarters, Jackson.

A Calendar of Stewardship Activities—Plan of Work for Mississippi 1949-50 free from W.M.U. Headquarters, Jackson.

Pages 18, 60-68 in 1950 Year Book. "Now in this matter of stewards your first requirement is that they must be trustworthy." I Corinthians 4-2 (Moffat).

Stewardship Chairmen let us "keep that which has been committed to our trust."—Mrs. J. T. Lyons, State Stewardship Chairman.

OAKLAND—Newton Association reports a new Missionary Society. Mrs. Pinson, the Superintendent, reports that Mrs. H. T. McLaurin did this extension work. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. A. Johnston; First Vice-President, Mrs. H. C. Boswell; Second Vice-President, Mrs. C. T. Johnston; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. G. V. Rainer; Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. W. A. Grissett.

STATE CORONATION SERVICE
Young People's Night At
State W.M.U. Convention
Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson,

Mississippi, March 29, 1950.

Queen with scepter and Queen Regents from all over the state will participate!

The city of Jackson will furnish participants through the Step of Queen, but the two higher Steps will be selected throughout the state.

If you have a high-ranking girl who is interested in and qualified for state recognition:

1. Send name and address at once to: NELL TAYLOR, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

2. One blank will be mailed each girl whose NAME is received.

3. Careful selection will be made, and each girl notified.

Keep in mind:

1. Any girl who participates would have to be practically through with all the requirements already. The Station Coronation Service is March 29, so very little time remains to complete the work.

2. All work must be in the State W.M.U. Office by March 1, for grading by your State Young People's Secretary. This will allow time for corrections if necessary. The work will be on display the night of the Coronation.

3. Any girl receiving such recognition would want to be thoroughly prepared. She should know in her heart that she has worked faithfully and diligently on her requirements for many months (see manual suggestion of at least a year). All her work should follow a high standard in neatness, attractiveness, and accuracy.

4. If a girl has already received recognition in a Coronation Service, she is not eligible for recognition of the SAME STEP again.

5. Participants are to care for own expenses involved in trip to and from Jackson for the Service. Sleeping space will be provided if requested. A small amount will be charged for Scepter or cape, if girl desires to keep it.

Send your names at ONCE to Nell Taylor, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

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WHEELER GOES FULL-TIME

Wheeler Church in Prentiss County, under the leadership of Rev. G. B. Basden has voted to go full-time. Since the completion of the new educational building, which was dedicated last Thanksgiving, all organizations of the church have expanded. The Training Union now has the largest enrolment in its history.

The church is planning a study course, using as the text "Studies in Acts."

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Midway Progress Continues

Midway Church, near Jackson, is continuing to make progress on their church building, as well as in their activities. For many months the congregation has met in the basement of the church, but work is now being done on the floor of the auditorium. All of the labor is done by the men of the church.

Two rest rooms are now being installed in the basement. Plans are being made to provide a nursery for small children.

Rev. Ira F. Metts is the pastor.



DR. ROLAND Q. LEAVELL, president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, is shown as he reads the Bible to the Galkens family on one of his many visits to their new home. OSKARS GAIKENS, right, a former displaced person, came to this country with his family four weeks ago to take up his duties as grounds keeper and gardener on the new campus of the seminary. MRS. GAIKENS, left, a music graduate with superior ability and wide experience in teaching piano, is happy now that she is a "new American" and hopes to teach music at the seminary when she learns English. Their six year old son, OSKARS, JR., is shown as he sits on the floor listening to Dr. Leavell read. Many Baptist and Protestant displaced persons still need sponsors. The time is short and there are many more who need help. No unattached children are available through this program. A number of single men, a highly trained photographer, several farm families, etc., among others, look to Baptists in America for help in their hour of need. For further information, write Charles R. Gage, displaced persons representative, Southern Baptist Relief Committee, 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans 19, La.

N. O. Seminary Admits Under Graduates

By DR. ROLAND Q. LEAVELL,

President

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Recently a prominent speaker in a state-wide meeting made the statement, "Now since our three Seminaries have stopped doing Bible Institute work, the Southern Baptist Convention should build Bible Institutes rather than new Seminaries, etc." Let's get the record straight.

When the name Baptist Bible Institute was changed to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, not one single point in policy or curriculum was changed. Not one jot or one tittle was changed regarding admission of students without college or high school credits. There are actually more such students in our school today than ever before in our thirty-two years of history, even though both the number and the percentage of college trained students have gone up amazingly.

In my inaugural address, October 1, 1946, I said: "So long as I am President I never expect to see the time when the non-college men shall not be welcomed into our institution. Yet the policy already established is both fair and wise, namely, that there shall be separate classes for college and non-college groups. Our Seminary gives degrees to college trained students only, giving certificates to those who have not had the privilege of higher training." That has not been, and will not be, changed.

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THE BAPTIST STANDARD HAS RECEIVED \$100,000 to start an endowment.

REV. J. E. KINSEY

Rev. J. E. Kinsey, 66 years of age, passed away on January 17 at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson. Death was caused by a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at the Clinton Baptist Church, of which he was a member. Services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Nolan M. Kennedy and Dr. W. R. Cooper, who paid beautiful tributes to him.

The active pall bearers were nephews of his: J. W. Landrum, Canton; Cecil Landrum, Hazlehurst; James Landrum, Gulfport; Melvin, Clifton and Dewitt Landrum of Clinton. The honorary pall bearers were E. L. Callihan, Jackson; T. M. Landrum, Clinton; M. J. Landrum, Clinton; A. L. Goodrich, Clinton; T. F. Spencer, Clinton.

Mr. Kinsey has been a resident of Clinton since his retirement from the active pastorate three years ago. His last charge was at Lula.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. James E. Kinsey of Clinton; two sons, Herman Kinsey of Philadelphia, Pa.; Jimmy Kinsey of Hughes, Ark.; two daughters, Mrs. Herbert Williford, Greenwood, Mrs. A. J. McAlwain, Jackson; one brother, George Kinsey, Ridge land, and several grandchildren.

Mr. Kinsey was born at Cleveland and after entering the ministry graduated from Mississippi College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He then located in the Delta where he served as pastor for 25 years. He made his home at Merigold for 18 years and laid the remainder of this time.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIVED a copy of the minutes of the Hinds County Association which held its annual session in 1949 at Parkway Church, Jackson. The 1950 meeting will convene at Northside, Jackson. Rev. W. Lowrey Compere is the moderator and E. L. Herring is the clerk. The minutes are both attractive and efficient and an excellent job has been done by the printers.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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The W. M. U. of Oklahoma is helping to promote B. S. U. work at the smaller colleges in that state. . . . Our State Council met in its second regular monthly meeting Jan. 21 with all except three members present. The food and fellowship were fine and the plans made, we believe, are in accord with God's will. Next meeting of this wonderful group of student leaders is Feb. 18. . . . Had the privilege of bringing a brief devotional to one of my home church's Training Unions recently on the very large but important subject, "Was Christ's Death Necessary for Our Salvation." . . . There are 42 tithers at Miss. State, 106 at Jones Jr., 158 at Blue Mtn. . . . If I were a rich man, I would give serious consideration to helping college students in a spiritual way by financially supporting the B. S. U. . . . Dr. Henry Alford Porter once said of the B. S. U.: "It is pre-eminent work. It is for the highest development of the most promising material, at the most malleable period, in the most critical surroundings." . . . "Down Destiny Road" is Charles Wellborn's subject on the Southwide Baptist Hour next Sunday. Listen. . . . Requests for Youth Revival teams and volunteers to work in Youth Revivals continue to come in. A number of our pastors have agreed to help us in this important work. Please continue to pray that only the Holy Spirit will lead. . . . BSUs from Pearl River Jr. had charge of recent evening services at First Church, Picayune, and at Union Church, Caesar. . . . Student Evangelistic Emphasis Week is suggested for Feb. 12-18. Is evangelism the main emphasis of your BSU? It should be. All our programs, and meetings, and activities should lose themselves in making Christ plain to those who participate and attend. Let's not forget, evangelism is the main emphasis of BSU; all other emphases are secondary. . . . Pastor W. Landon Miller, of First Church, Brookhaven, writes that he is working with some of his young people in personal work and, also, that Charles Wells is to be with them in Brookhaven June 18-23. Which reminds us, Mr. Wells definitely plans to be with us in our Convention next October at Mississippi Southern for two messages. We should have overflow crowds to hear him. . . . Many churches are completing, others are beginning, and still others are planning huge building programs. Perhaps we had better, first, use more fully the facilities we have, and second, maybe we should give our attention to building lives, especially young lives, and build buildings later. Did you know that the main auditoriums and many of the classrooms in our churches stand idle for most of the week? If our buildings will not take care of the crowds once on Sunday mornings and nights, why not have two services morning and night, as some churches do? We repeat, building lives now, especially the lives of Young People, is more important than building huge buildings. Are we going to wait on bigger buildings before going after the people who are unentitled?

Department of Temperance Activities

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MORE CRIME COMPARISON

In this column last week we gave you a comparison on crime in the states in the East South Central Division.

Take a look at the States in the West South Central Division in comparison with Mississippi.

State	Murder	Robbery
Arkansas	11.75	44.1
Louisiana	10.77	54.0
Oklahoma (dry)	6.10	39.7
Texas	15.52	55.8
Mississippi (dry)	4.77	13.7

Source: Uniform Crime Reports, F.B.I. Vol. XIX No. 2, 1948.

LEGALIZING WHISKEY WILL NOT BRING THE STATE MORE TAX MONEY

The argument advanced by the wets is that we have whiskey anyway; we should therefore legalize it and get lots of taxes to build roads and pay school teachers. The truth is that Mississippi will get less tax money if whiskey is legalized. As soon as whiskey is legalized in any state the whiskey and beer lobbyists go together and elect legislators who will agree to reduce taxes on both beer and whiskey. In states where whiskey has been legalized these whiskey lobbies in the legislatures have succeeded in reducing the taxes so that many of them are getting no more money, and some even less, from the taxes on both beer and whiskey than Mississippi is getting from beer alone.

Consider a statement from the whiskey peoples own publication "Revenue From Alcoholic Beverage in 1948" issued by the Distilled Spirits Institute, Incorporated. The figures are the per capita revenue from alcoholic beverages.

Missouri—Whiskey and Beer	1.98
Oklahoma—Whiskey and Beer	2.14
Nebraska—Beer only	2.24
Tennessee—Whiskey and Beer	2.27
Arkansas—Whiskey and Beer	2.84

In Mississippi in 1949 the per capita tax received from beer was approximately \$2.25 according to the state tax commission, based on population in counties where beer is legal.

If Mississippi should legalize whiskey, very likely the present rate of \$6.62 per barrel would be reduced as it has been in other states from \$1 to \$1.50 tax, and the additional revenue from whiskey will not make up this loss.

If Mississippi could get a lot of tax money from legalized whiskey no christian could vote for it. This would mean a vote to sell the young people of our state into crime for tax money.

VARNADO COMPLETES 4TH YEAR AT PASCAGOULA



REV. M. S. VARNADO

Rev. M. S. Varnado has marked his fourth anniversary as pastor of the Calvary Church, Pascagoula. The church during his pastorate has grown rapidly. There have been 823 additions, 367 by baptism.

The average annual budget has been \$18,500, the average Sunday School enrolment 465; BTU, 205; WMU 65. The Brotherhood has recently been organized and has 61 enrolled. The church uses the Tithes and Offerings plan with no Every Member canvas, and deacons are elected annually, along with other officers of the church.

Blue-prints are now ready for a three-story Educational Building, which is planned to provide for 340 in the Elementary departments. Much of the material is on the grounds and is paid for.

The church sends the Home Life Magazine to all of its members and has the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. The Commission and Home Mission Magazine is sent to all WMU members.

During Christmas Week while Pastor Varnado was on vacation, a Youth Revival was held by the ten young preachers who belong to the church, a different one preaching each service. There were 23 professions, nine for full-time service, and many rededications.

Calvary Church was called Watts Memorial from the time of its organization in 1943 until shortly after the present pastor came in 1946. The church was constituted by the consolidation of two small war-boom churches, Second Church and Lincoln Avenue Church, under the leadership of Rev. J. F. Branley, who at that time was pastor of Second Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Varnado are both graduates of Woman's College and of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Bay Springs Pastor Completes Two Years Has Open House

As a climax to their two years' service with the Bay Springs Church, Pastor and Mrs. W. A. Hogan held open house Sunday afternoon, January 15.

The church has been operating under the unified budget system since mid-September, and, after a few more minor adjustments, will be highly satisfactory. A budget committee has set a goal of more than \$12,000 for 1950, of which \$4,000 is for the Cooperative Program.

The Brotherhood, organized last September with J. J. Denson president, is growing and enjoys a monthly supper, meeting in the church.

The Sunday school is also growing under the leadership of H. V. Johnston, superintendent. Monthly business meetings are held, at which time Pastor Hogan teaches the book, "Studies In Acts," to an enrolment of 34.

The B. T. U. is under the direction of R. C. Alexander.

The W. M. U., with Mrs. P. C. Alexander president, has just forwarded to the State office the last of State and Lottie Moon Christmas offerings. To State missions they gave \$216, and to Lottie Moon, \$522.

On January 22 two were ordained as deacons: I. N. Yelverton and Louie Jones. Dr. William P. Davis delivered the ordination message.

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Holmesville Church Is Debt-Free; Notes Burned At All-Day Service

A note-burning was held during the all-day services on January 29 at Holmesville Church. Rev. J. A. Bryant is pastor of the church.

Rev. Robert Girling, Jr., Bala Chitto pastor and a senior at Mississippi State College, delivered the message at the morning service and Dr. W. R. Cooper, Jackson, took part in the program. Mr. Girling is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. W. Girling of the Holmesville community.

Following dinner, which was served on the church grounds, a brief history of the Holmesville church was given by the deacons, under the leadership of Jimmy Tucker. At that time they burned the notes, which had been paid in full.

Special music was furnished by Sara and Jo Anne Conerly of Holmesville and the Girls' Quartet from South McComb Church.

Former pastors attending were: D. W. Nix of Bogalusa, La.; V. Price Brock of Ponchatoula, La.; Earl C. Edwards of East McComb Church, and Glen Smith of Friendship Church.

THE BRAILLE EVANGEL MAKES FINANCIAL REPORT

Last year The Braille Evangel, Fort Worth, Texas, received \$9,354 in volunteer donations from 652 Southern Baptist churches and individuals. \$14.35 is the average amount of these gifts.

This religious monthly magazine for the blind has carried the unspeakable riches of the Christian gospel to a host of people throughout the world in every walk of life. Letters have brought heart-warming stories of Christian fellowship and service inspired by the messages of The Braille

Evangel.

The Braille Evangel is a world-wide literary mission enterprise for those who must read with their fingers. Currently they need your financial support. A gift of \$10 will support four subscriptions for one year.

The content of The Braille Evangel consists of choice evangelistic, educational and devotional articles selected from current Southern Baptist publications.

Address: Edwin Wilson, Managing Editor, The Braille Evangel, Inc., Box 6001, Fort Worth, Texas.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary — Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi
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JACKSON COUNTY MAKES ALL-TIME STATE RECORD
THE "D" DAY PROGRAM HELD IN JACKSON COUNTY ON JANUARY 23 WAS THE BEST WE BELIEVE WE HAVE EVER HAD! THERE ARE 17 CHURCHES AND 4 MISSIONS IN THE COUNTY. THERE WERE REPRESENTATIVES AT THE MEETING FROM EVERY CHURCH AND EVERY MISSION, AN ATTENDANCE OF 446! THE MEETING WAS HELD AT MOSS POINT.

Are You Listening In?

Thousands of our people are listening in each Sunday to the Southern Baptist broadcast as this program becomes more popular. Our young people are especially invited to listen in each week for the rest of this quarter to the messages brought by Mr. Charles Wellborn. Brother Wellborn is a lover of young people and gives much time to college campuses for special services. We suggest our training unions organize listening parties and take advantage of this special opportunity.

In December we issued 2,428 study course awards to individuals in churches in thirty-eight of our seventy-two associations. That is a splendid record for December, one of the busiest months in the year for everyone. It but shows the growing interest in this helpful phase of Training Union work.

March is Study Course Month. We mean by that that we believe it would be found a mighty good time of the year for a union to have a study course. Any time is a good time if it is a time when you can get the people together. Then again in the summer or fall. Usually September is a good month in the fall. There are a few unions that have never had a study course. Check yours and the others in the association and see if you can't help in this feature in the department of training.

Seventeen unions organized in December, three Story Hours, four Juniors, four Intermediates, three Young People and three Adults.

A Union Begins in Red Creek Union Church, Jackson County

Thanks to a good report from Missionary Wallace Harrell telling of the organization of a training union at Red Creek Union Church in Jackson Co. A group from Moss Point church went with Brother Harrell to this church and gave a very interesting program which resulted in the setting up of a training union. This is fine missionary work on the part of both Missionary Harrell and this union of First Church Moss Point, using the word "Missionary" in the sense that any work in the interest of promoting the cause of Christ is missionary work. Congratulations to all concerned. Rev. Charles Lewis, Lieutenant in Keesler Field is the pastor of this church.

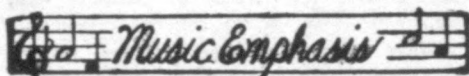
Reporting On

"D" Demonstration Day

At the writing of this we have had eight of our demonstration programs. The weather has been near perfect and the attendance far above that of last year in the same associations. In two instances the atten-

dance was a little smaller because of conflicts, but the combined attendance this year is 1,416 against 832 last year, and 70 churches represented this year, against 53 last year. We are grateful for this increased interest. Pastors are in these meetings with good groups from their churches. We are helping the unions to properly evaluate the matter of effective organization and efficient performance. All to the glory of God. No association has yet failed to accept our date and we appreciate that as we have to plan to go from one association to the other including Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. The largest attendance in this first eight meetings was at Union church in Clarke Co.; 269 from eight churches. The association having the largest number of churches represented was Lauderdale with 19. Plan to attend the one in your association.

We have a new "Youth Week" tract that we will be happy to send you for the asking. All pastors, Associational Directors and Directors in the churches will be mailed one within a short time. Plan to observe Youth Week. Give the young people the feel of the responsibility as church leaders.



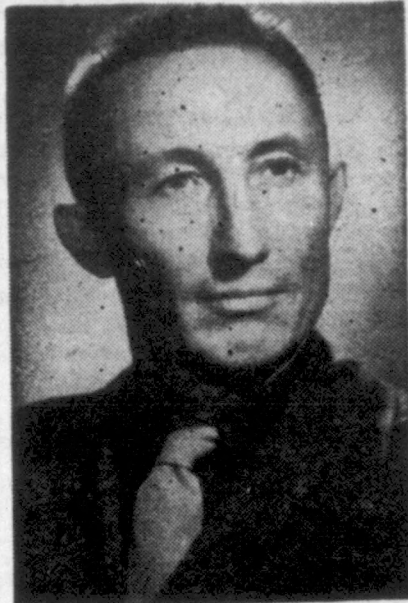
Convention Notes On Intermediate Hymn Players

Below is a list of Intermediate Hymn Players who participated in the recent State Music Festival. Ratings are listed.

Intermediate Hymn Players: Elsie Ivey, Quitman, Excellent; Jane Martin, Poplar Springs, Meridian, Superior, Eddie Sue Hassell, Baldwin, Excellent; Vernon Rowe Netherland, Eden, Excellent; Nelly Don Robbins, Bunker Hill, Columbia, Excellent; Shirley Ruth Meek, Jackson, First, Superior; Otho Wingo, Booneville First, Superior; Ruby Nell Thrash, Leesburg, Good; Reba Haggard, Murphy Creek, Louisville, Superior; Sybil Reeves, Friendship, McComb, Good; Myrtle Ann Cooper, Aberdeen First, Excellent; Shelly Smyly, Darlove, Hollandale, Good; Jo Ann Stanley, Macedonia, Brookhaven, Excellent; Mary Hellen Wilson, Tangipahoe, McComb, Excellent; Pauline Wright, Bethany, Merigold, Excellent; Jo Anne Smith, Linn, Sunflower, Good; Dorothy Agnew, Scooba, Excellent; Betty Denson, Ludlow, Forest, Excellent; Opal Parker, Spring Creek, Philadelphia, Good; Betty Rowsey, Liberty Hill, Pope, Excellent; Shirley Davis, Brandon, Excellent; Sara Simmons, Kosciusko First, Excellent; Beth Mitchell, Roseland Park, Picayune, Excellent; Wilma Palmer, Gaston, Booneville, Good; Pat Sage, Bruce, Superior.

The above list of young musicians represent a very definite interest in the program of better church music. They also represent a very fine group of young pianists who are already serving their respective churches. A word of appreciation from the State Music Section of Training goes to all of the boys and girls listed above for this fine participation. A group of three pre-selected judges gave the above ratings, and a word of appreciation goes to them for this fine service.

Mark Lowrey Accepts Pastorate at Wesson SUCCEEDED BY BROTHER



DR. MARK LOWREY

Dr. Mark Lowrey has accepted the pastorate of the Wesson Church and has begun his work there. He is a former pastor of the Wesson church, having resigned in 1942 to enter service as a chaplain. He succeeds Rev. Bill Drummond who recently resigned.

On his return to civilian life, Dr. Lowrey accepted the call of Cedar Grove Church near Columbia and also served as a teacher in the Negro Baptist Seminary at Prentiss.

He has been succeeded in the pastorate and the teaching position by his brother, Ivan Lowrey, who for two years has been pastor of Pine Bluff Church in Copiah County. He plans to move his family to Columbia within a few days.

—BR—

Oakvale Church To Have Stewardship Revival

Oakvale Church in Lawrence County has planned a Stewardship Revival February 6-10. Services will begin each evening at 6:30, with a different speaker each night.

Speakers for the week with their subjects are as follows: Monday, Rev. L. S. Polk, Jr., Stewardship of the Word; Tuesday, Rev. Glen Flynt, Stewardship of Prayer; Wednesday, Rev. J. D. Caples, Stewardship of Witnessing; Thursday, Dr. L. E. Green, Stewardship of Teaching; Friday, Rev. Henry J. Bennett, Stewardship of Possessions.

Rev. Alvin R. Smith is the pastor.

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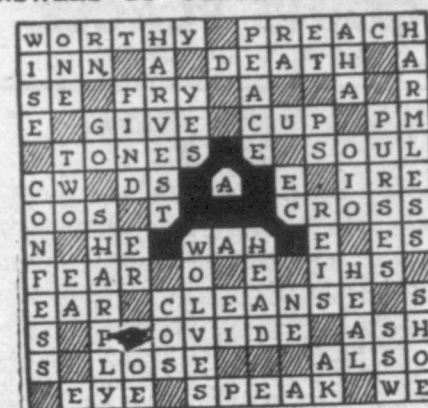
MT. OLIVE CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

On January 29 the Mt. Olive Church celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Two charter members still have membership in the church; they are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pickering. Mr. Pickering is an active deacon and a member of the building committee.

Rev. Joe W. Hudson, pastor of the church, taught the book of Acts in a study course beginning January 16. Throughout his pastorate special emphasis has been given to the mid-week prayer service, which is a vital part of their church program. Attendance in the organizations of the church has increased, with a new record having been set in Sunday School on January 15 when 179 were present.

Following a Stewardship Revival in November when Dr. E. N. Patterson, of the New Orleans Seminary faculty, was the visiting evangelist, 115 signed tithe cards. Others have signed since that time.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE



HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

Speaker—Charles Wellborn.

February 5—subject: "Down Destiny Road."

Stations in Mississippi

At 2:30 p. m. Sundays:

WROF, Hattiesburg; WSLI, Jackson; WTOK, Meridian; KGCM, Gulfport.

The Radio ministry of Southern Baptists is carried on solely through individual voluntary contributions mailed to THE BAPTIST HOUR, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

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WAYNESBORO DEDICATES DEBT-FREE BUILDING Church Is 130 Years Old

First Church, Waynesboro, held a dedication service on Sunday, January 29, at which time the new building, which along with its furnishings, is debt free. Rev. E. F. Hicks, pastor, delivered the message.

The church was organized at Salem Church over 130 years ago. The first church building was constructed on the Waynesboro-Winchester road, south of Patton's Creek.

—BR—

NATION'S ONLY BAPTIST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS BLDG.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(RNS)—America's only Baptist high school will have a home of its own in 1951.

Construction of the \$150,000 Louisville Baptist High School will get under way in May, according to the Rev. W. Oscar Gibson. Mr. Gibson is pastor of the 18th Street Baptist church, which founded the school in 1947. Classes have been held in the church since then.

The projected high school will accommodate 350 pupils. It will be co-educational and will accept pupils of any denomination. The school chapel will accommodate 600 persons, and the church will hold its services there.

—BR—

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

February 6—Y.W.A. Focus Week, February 6-11; Prof. Zack Huggins, Quitman, Mississippi Education Association.

February 7—Dr. Francis A. Lord, Mississippi College faculty; P. M. P. Self, Marks, Baptist Memorial Hospital trustee.

February 8—Rev. L. C. Hoff, District 10 Training Union President; W. A. Huff, Forest, Baptist Orphanage trustee.

February 9—Rev. D. O. Horne, Lawrence County Convention Board member. Joe C. Taylor, Newton Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

February 10—Miss Nettie Ree Traylor, W.M.U. Department, Baptist Building; Dan E. McGhee, Baptist Foundation trustee.

February 11—Mrs. Bessie Kent, Clarke College trustee; Charley Bargo, Baptist Hospital trustee.

February 12—Mrs. Grace Montgomery Hardin, Blue Mountain faculty.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

MORGAN'S CHAPEL SWITCHES

Having been on the Baptist Record subscription list for years as "paid in advance" church, Morgan's Chapel has decided to operate under the EVERY FAMILY plan, which is much more convenient. Under the EVERY FAMILY plan names may be added or dropped as necessary.

The list was sent by E. B. Morgan, who is the treasurer.

Oktibbeha County Record readers are now listed as follows: Adaton, 17; Bethesda, 20; Double Springs, 2; East Starkville, 14; Longview, 54; Maben, 56; Morgan's Chapel, 44; Pleasant Ridge, 28; Self Creek, 26; First, Starkville, 275; Sturgis, 65; Wake Forest, 5; Friendship, 6.

SHARON ADOPTS EF PLAN

Sharon Church, Gulf Coast Association, is one of the recent additions to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record.

Some time ago Mrs. Louis Allen, whose address is Route 1, Long Beach, sent the EVERY FAMILY list from this church.

The Baptist Record now has subscribers in the Gulf Coast Association listed as follows: Bay St. Louis, 73; Kiln, 2; Logtown, 7; Big Ridge, 6; Biloxi, First, 244; Biloxi, Second, 39; Crane, 1; Gulfport, First, 609; Fernwood, 35; Gulfport, East Side, 50; Gulfport, Grace Memorial, 41; Handsboro, 59; Long Beach, 79; Mississippi City, 2; New Hope, 35; Pass Christian, 42; Sharon, 12; West Gulfport, 21; Woolmarket, 19; Lyman, 45.

MT. PISGAH SWITCHES TO EF

Mt. Pisgah Church, Carroll County, Rev. L. D. Sellers pastor, has changed from the yearly payment to the EVERY FAMILY PLAN. Under the EVERY FAMILY PLAN a church pays by the month for the number of names on their list.

In making the change the church added several new names to their list.

Carroll County Record readers are now listed as follows: Calvary, 11; Carrollton, 20; Centerville, 8; Coila, 1; Harmony, 2; Leflore, 1; Liberty, 2; McCarley, 2; Mt. Olive, 54; Mt. Pisgah, 17; New Jerusalem, 1; New Salem, 6; New Shiloh, 1; North Carrollton, 22; Old Plant, 1; Vaiden, 50.

BEREA SENDS LIST

Having tried the Baptist Record and found its value, Berea Church, Tunica County, has sent a list of ten families who are to receive the Record weekly and thereby keep up with what the Baptists are doing throughout the world.

Rev. George Lassett, Jr., is the pastor.

Record readers in the Riverside Association are now listed as follows: Belen, 16; Crowder, 83; Darling, 36; Hollywood, 23; Lambert, 65; Marks, 108; Sledge, 26; Walnut, 61; Adams-Mem-Fairview, 2; First Clarksdale, 258; Dublin, 2; Jonestown, 19; Lula, 61; Lyon, 74; Union Chapel, 1; Berea, 10; Dundee, 22; Tunica, 89.

Mission Established At Value

A mission of the First Church, Brandon, has been established at Value, by which the railroad section of Brandon is known.

Rev. Montie Davis, pastor of the church at Brandon and the county missionary, Rev. L. W. Stanger, are working hand in hand in the promotion of this project.

A store building has been leased and services will be conducted regularly. Pastor Davis preached on Sunday afternoon, January 29, which was the first day services were held. The Sunday School attendance was 63.

Revival services are planned to begin February 12.

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CORRECTION REQUESTED

In last week's issue of the Baptist Record the minutes of the recent meeting of the Executive Committee were published over my name as Secretary of the Committee.

As I am responsible for those minutes and one item was left out and the Convention Board has voted that the complete minutes be printed in the Baptist Record, please make the following correction.

Item 20 of the minutes officially reads: "Wayne Alliston requested that the Executive Secretary make some statement with regard to the Chicago situation. After extended discussion, Dr. McCall stated that he is still Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and that the officers of and members of the Board will be the first to hear if there is any change. After further extended discussion, M. D. Morton moved and W. L. Meadows seconded that the meeting adjourn."—J. W. Landrum.

MT. ZION IS NUMBER 970

One of the latest additions to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record is Mt. Zion Church in Lowndes County.

Recently Mrs. Verner Holliman sent the EVERY FAMILY list of 68 names. This means that 68 families are going to be fed on Baptist information week by week, and therefore the task of the pastor will be easier for his people will know what Baptists are doing throughout the world.

Lowndes County Record readers are now listed as follows: Artesia, 13; Border Springs, 32; Caledonia, 1; Calvary, 53; Columbus, First, 854; Columbus, East End, 80; Mt. Vernon, 44; Mt. Zion, 68; New Salem, 2; Pleasant Hill, 23; Plymouth, 17.

LONE PINE LIKES THE SAMPLE

A few weeks ago at the request of the pastor, Rev. Jim Shanahan, the Baptist Record was sent to the families of Lone Pine Church, Madison County, for a few weeks on trial. Evidently the people liked the sample for now the church has sent in an EVERY FAMILY list of sixteen names, in order to keep on being "informed Baptists."

Madison County now has Record readers listed as follows: Camden, 20; Canton, First, 396; Canton, Center Terrace, 85; Flora, 52; Lula, 19; Madison, 39; Lone Pine, 16; Ridgeland, 18.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. CECIL H. SMITH, Office Secretary
PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate



MRS. CECIL H. SMITH

Mrs. Cecil H. Smith is the new office secretary of the Sunday School Department, since the retirement of Mrs. P. C. French.

We welcome Mrs. Smith to our Department and to the fellowship of all the workers of the Baptist Building. She is well qualified for the work and will make a fine contribution to the program.

THE MEMPHIS CLINIC

The Southwide Sunday School Bible Teaching Clinic will be in Memphis, Tenn., the week of March -10, 1950.

Those teachers, and other interested Sunday school leaders, who plan to attend will please send their names and addresses to Mr. J. N. Barnette, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

CARD FILE SYSTEM

More churches are starting a card file system of keeping their records of Sunday school training credits.

This should be done, and then the complete record will be readily available. Cards for this purpose can be secured from the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

So, why not have that as one of your advance steps for 1950, Brother Superintendent? It will surely be a good one. Try it.

We Use Our Baptist Paper

By PAUL ROBERTS

Pastor, Northwest Baptist Church
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

For years the Central Baptist Church published her own weekly church paper "The Rod and Staff." This was a four- to eight-page edition, and it proved very helpful. However, I felt that it was lacking in many things concerning our denominational life.

While reading our state paper "The Alabama Baptist," with its rich editorials and abundance of information, I decided this would be very valuable to our people so I inquired of Editor Gwaltney the possibility and price of using the front page for our church. He gave me a plan which appealed to me and my people very much.

For our church paper it had been necessary that we arrange the materials, have the papers printed, and then mail them from our church office. This demanded many hours of labor. In the new plan we only send



MRS. LILLIAN RICE

Mrs. Lillian Rice, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will direct all the Junior conferences at our Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Convention, in the First Baptist Church, Greenwood, on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 14-15, 1950.

This means that all Junior workers who attend that Convention will certainly have the very best leadership that is available anywhere. We surely hope that many, many of them will take advantage of this splendid opportunity right here in our midst.

REMEMBER THE DATE

And please do not forget the date of our state Sunday School Convention, and also the place.

It is March 14-15, Greenwood First Baptist Church. Mark this on your calendar, and plan now to attend. Free overnight entertainment for all who want it.

MORE ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

Sunday School Department workers have recently had the joy of being in several associational meetings, with emphasis on the 1950 program.

The more recent meetings have been in Pike, Jones, Lincoln, Rankin, Greene, Copiah, Smith, Lawrence, Simpson, Scott, Marion, Covington, Jeff Davis, Lamar, and Jasper.

Others are coming up until all of them have been held this year.



in our material for publication and "The Alabama Baptist" office takes care of the other work.

Since we began to use "The Alabama Baptist," I have seen our people grow in their knowledge, not only of our world around us, but on to the islands of the sea. We have also increased in our interest of the program of Southern Baptists as a whole.

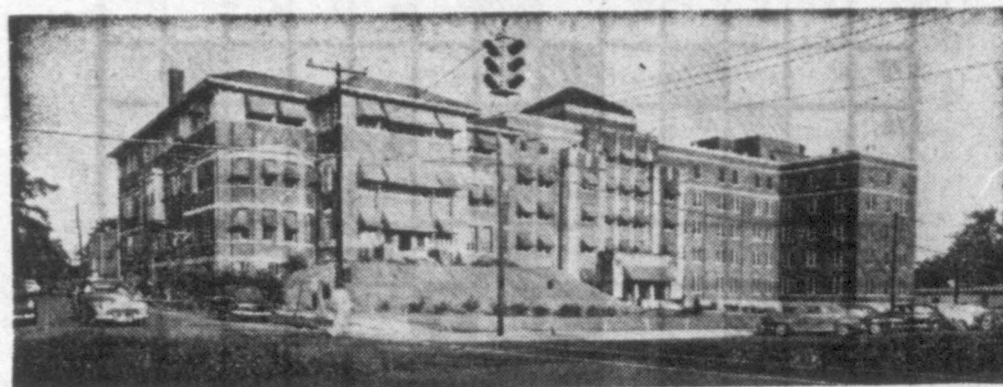
I often hear our teachers and leaders refer to information they have received from our paper. This is an addition to what the front page does in promotion work for the church life. Each home in our church family receives the state Baptist paper on Wednesday, with its reminders for Sundays and promotion to stimulate interest in any project the church is fostering.

Our whole church life has been quickened by this means.

What Do You Know?

— ABOUT YOUR BAPTIST HOSPITAL

We dedicate this page to the end that the ministry of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital may continue to redound to the glory of Christ. May it bring about in the mind and heart of every reader a new and better understanding of their hospital.



General Facts



THAT the Mississippi Baptist Hospital is owned and operated by the Baptists of Mississippi.

THAT Mississippi Baptists appoint a Board of 15 members and delegate to that Board the responsibility for operating the Hospital.

THAT the Board then in turn elects a Superintendent to whom the Board delegates authority and responsibility to run the hospital in accordance with policies and rules set up by the Board.

THAT this hospital last year admitted 13,217 patients; of this total 11,498 were white patients and 1,719 were colored.

THAT this hospital now has a total of 253 adult beds and 40 bassinets and that in the immediate future the remodeling of our old Surgery space will provide for approximately 15 additional adult beds.

THAT this hospital is approved by the American College of Surgeons and is in the register of the American Medical Association.

THAT the total value of your Baptist Hospital property is estimated to be approximately \$1,400,000.00. This value is based on construction costs at the time of each new addition to the facility and does not reflect present property value.

Day By Day Operating Expense



THAT the hospital is a non-profit hospital taking in on an average of approximately \$105,000 per month; that the hospital does operate on a slight margin of income over operating expenses, but that this slight margin has always been more than taken up in the purchase of essential equipment and the maintenance of the facilities alone.

THAT every 24 hours an average of \$3,200 is required for bare operating expenses to keep the hospital functioning.



THAT it costs your hospital an average of \$14.50 to keep a patient for one day and that this per day patient cost can be favorably compared to hospitals in Memphis and New Orleans.

Outside Contributions



THAT Mississippi Baptists currently are contributing to the hospital one percent of funds going through the Co-operative Program; this one percent averaging \$500.00 per month.

THAT the hospital on last Mother's Day received a total of \$4,450.54 from the churches of Mississippi for use in providing free hospitalization. This was the yearly Mother's Day offering.

Benevolent Work



THAT the hospital is each month providing free hospitalization to needy patients; this free service in money value amounting to approximately \$5,000 per month.

THAT it is necessary therefore that free hospitalization for the most part be squeezed from the already strained operating funds of the hospital.

Hospital Personnel



THAT the hospital is maintained and operated 24 hours, 7 days a week by a corp of 497 employees, and that effort is made continuously to keep the total number of employees at a minimum.

THAT of this total number of Personnel, 151 are student nurses whose average cost to the hospital is approximately \$100.00 per month per student; of the remainder, 116 are colored employees and 230 are white employees. (Included in the total number of white employees is 69 graduate registered nurses and included in the number of colored employees is 6 graduate registered nurses.)



THAT it requires the services of 1.7 employees to take proper care of each patient each day in the hospital and that this figure is in keeping with what hospital efficiency experts specify as the bare minimum necessary.

Cost of Equipment



THAT the cost of equipment needed for one major operating room is approximately \$6,500-\$7,500.

THAT the cost of equipment needed to set up one diagnostic X-Ray room is approximately \$15,000-\$20,000.

THAT the cost of equipping one patient's room with the minimum amount of equipment is \$300.00-\$400.00.

The School Of Nursing



THAT the hospital has three nurses homes, 2 for white student nurses and 1 for colored student nurses. Each home is presided over by an experienced house mother.

THAT the School of Nursing is approved and accredited by the State Board of Nurse Examiners, and that the curriculum is that recommended by the National League of Nurse Education.

THAT the School of Nursing admits two classes of students each year, one in June and one in September and that scholarships are available to worthy students.

Christian Activity For Student Nurses



THAT each student nurse is encouraged and led to join a local church and to participate actively in its activities.

THAT early morning prayer services for student nurses are held each day in the student chapel.

THAT a Christian emphasis week is held each year with an outstanding Baptist pastor doing the preaching.

THAT the Nursing School has an organized Y. W. A. which meets in the student chapel once each week.

THAT the Nursing School has a Glee Club which is conducted by a qualified Music Director. The Glee Club meets one night per week.

THAT the study of the Bible is a very important part of the curriculum of the nursing school.

Christian Activity For Patients



THAT gospels of John and gospel tracts are regularly distributed throughout the hospital.

THAT a Bible is maintained in every room of the hospital.

THAT personal work is done by the Institutional Visitor and by Personnel of the hospital.

THAT local pastors are given every encouragement to minister to the spiritual needs of patients in the hospital.

THAT every effort is made to maintain the very highest possible level of Christ-centered service to patients and visitors.

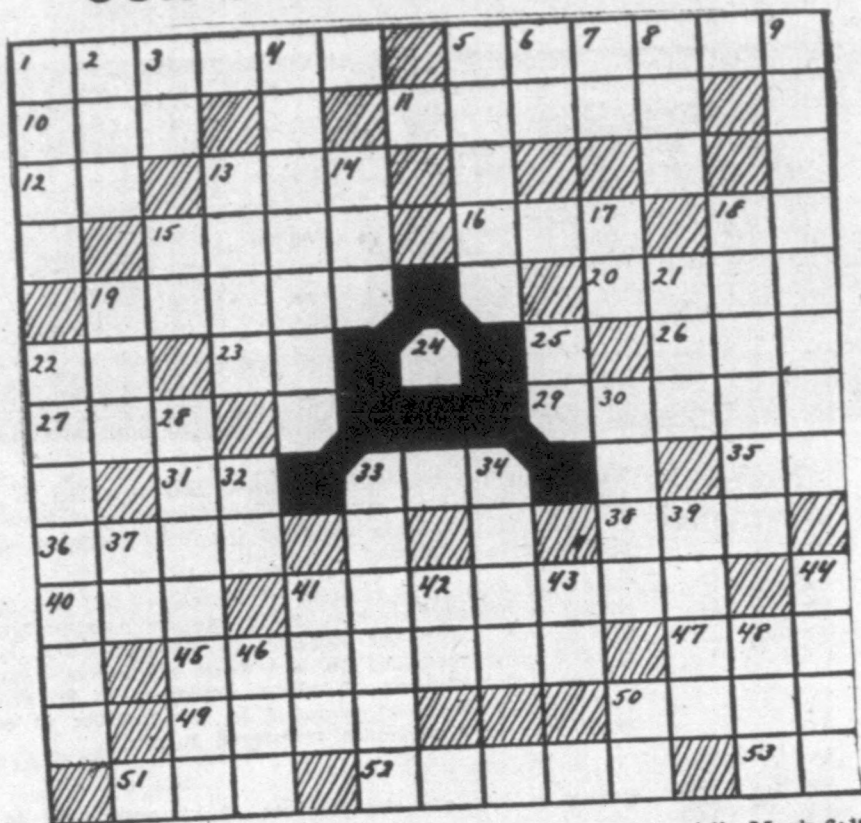


THAT the administration of your hospital is extremely conscious of the difficult obligation, yet glorious privilege of operating your hospital in a manner that will bring praise and honor to the name of Jesus, and to this end covets the sincere prayers of every believer in Christ.

Mississippi Baptist Hospital

Manship at North State Street
Jackson, Mississippi

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"And they went out, and preached that men should repent."—Mark 6:12.

JESUS SENT OUT
THE TWELVE APOSTLES

Horizontal

- 1 "Is not . . . of me" Matt. 10:38
5 And as ye go, . . . , saying" Matt. 10:7
10 "and brought him to an . . ." Luke 10:34
11 "cause them to be put to . . ." Matt. 10:21
12 Selenium
13 Cook in frying pan
15 "freely ye have received, freely . . ." Matt. 10:8
16 "a . . . of cold water" Matt. 10:42
18 Afternoon
19 Sounds
20 "but are not able to kill the . . ." Matt. 10:28
22 Canada West
23 "Go back to the sign (music)
24 "shall receive . . . prophet's reward" Matt. 10:41
26 Wrath
27 Small yellow birds
28 "he that taketh not his . . . and followeth" Matt. 10:38
31 "and . . . that receiveth me" Matt. 10:40
33 Himalayan panda
35 Plural ending of nouns; 12 turned around
36 "And . . . not them which kill the body" Matt. 10:28
38 Jesus the Saviour of Men (Latin initials)
40 "what ye hear in the . . . , that preach ye" Matt. 10:27
41 " . . . the lepers" Matt. 10:8
45 " . . . neither gold, nor silver" Matt. 10:9
47 "He planteth an . . ." Isa. 44:14
48 "He that findeth his life shall . . ." Matt. 10:30
50 "deny me before men, him will I . . . deny" Matt. 10:33
51 "cast out first the beam out of thine own . . ." Luke 6:42
52 "take no thought how or what ye shall . . ." Matt. 10:19
53 "Why could not . . . cast him out" Mark 9:28

Vertical

- 1 " . . . as serpents" Matt. 10:16
2 "shall give to drink unto . . . of these little ones" Matt. 10:42
3 Royal Navy
4 "The . . . truly is plenteous" Matt. 9:37
5 I came not to send . . . , but to sword" Matt. 10:34
6 Sun god
7 And (P.)
8 "and said, . . . , our eye hath seen it" Ps. 35:21
9 "and . . . as doves" Matt. 10:16
10 "loeth his life for my sake shall

- 14 Yea
15 "But . . . rather to the lost sheep" Matt. 10:6
17 Postscript
18 "nor brass in your . . ." Matt. 10:9
19 "Are not . . . sparrows sold for a farthing" Matt. 10:29
21 Hawaiian food fish
22 "Whosoever therefore shall . . . me before men" Matt. 10:32
25 Established Church
28 "Wherefore rebuke them . . ." Titus 1:13
30 Brazilian coins
32 Ancestor of Jesus Luke 3:28
33 "I send you forth as sheep in the midst of . . ." Matt. 10:16
34 "the very hairs of your . . . are all numbered" Matt. 10:30
37 Babylonian deity
39 " . . . the sick" Matt. 10:8
41 Cosine; companies
42 Two fifths of eight
43 New England
44 "neither two coats, neither . . . , nor yet staves" Matt. 10:10
46 Deer
48 Compass point
50 Half akin

A TRUTHFUL LIQUOR AD!

Washington, D. C. —(BP)— A truthful liquor ad has been found, according to Hugh Brimm, secretary, Southern Baptist Social Service Commission. It was—

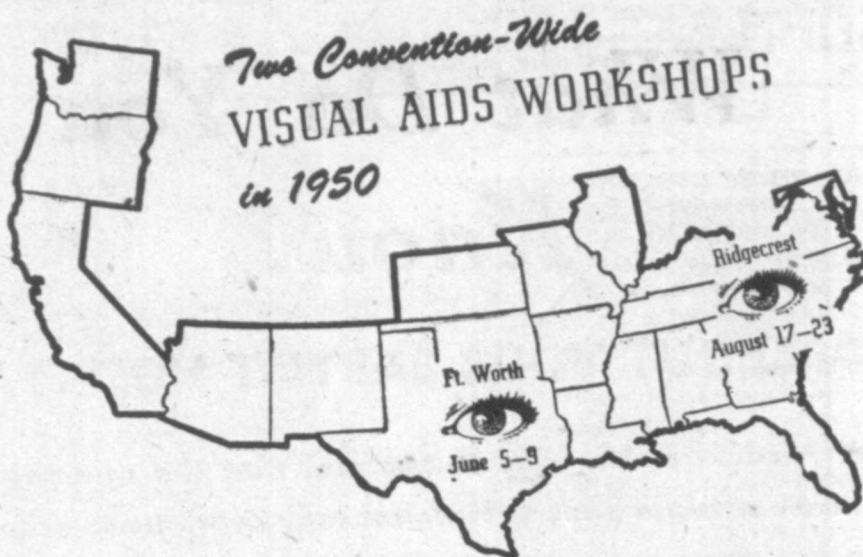
"The Road to Ruin"

Walk in—Wabble Out—At
La Victoria Bar

1 1-2 Miles South of
Estancia, N. Mex.

He made this announcement as a part of his testimony to the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. It was at a hearing on liquor advertising in newspaper and radios.

Brimm also told the Committee, "I think if you will make a careful investigation you will find a groundswell of resentment similar to this. People in dry counties who have thrown liquor out by legal ballot find liquor advertisements thrown back at them without regard to the expressed convictions of a majority of voters. I do not think that in such instances media of communication, whether they be radio, newspaper or periodical, are operating in the people's interests. These people have the right to be protected."



Two Convention-wide Visual Aids Workshops are being planned for this year: Fort Worth, Texas, June 5-9, on the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and Ridgecrest, N. C., August 17-23, at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. The program is being planned for all church workers interested in using visual aids, with particular attention being given to the interests of directors of visual aids, visual aids committee members; pastors, educational directors; Sunday school officers and teachers, and Training Union directors, leaders and sponsors. For further information and a copy of the tentative programs, write the Visual Education Service, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES
By REV. LEON V. YOUNG,
Clinton

Called and Accepted:

- Howard D. Olive, First, Auburn, Ala., from Russellville, Ky.
Irvine L. Parrett, North Side, Princeton, Ky., from Traington.
E. W. Major, First, Ashley River, S. C., from Central, Way Cross, Ga.
Haskell D. Beck, First, Warren, Arizona.
Wm. A. Barclay, Trinity, Globe, Arizona, from Home Mission Board.
Fred M. DeBerry, Central Heights, North Phoenix, Arizona, from Field Worker of Mission Board.
Paul Fox, Central, Winchester, Ky., from Immanuel, Pine Bluff Park.
E. J. Isbell, Del Rio, near Birmingham, Ala., from Westview Church, Sylacauga, Ala.
Brooks R. Davidson, Sylacauga, Ala.
Erwin L. Skiles, First, Pensacola, Fla.
Foy F. Huckabee, Brunswick Church, near Memphis, Tenn., from Middleton, Tenn.
E. L. Slate, Mt. Carmel, Cross Plains, Texas from Grubbs Memorial, Nashville, Tenn.
Raymond E. Moore, Missionary, Little River Association, Tenn., from Antioch Church, Manners, Tenn.
Thomas A. Bohannon, Extension Dept., Texas Mission Board from First, Kaufman, Texas.
Odis L. Boatwright, Rock Springs, Albertville, Ala.
L. Alvie Traylor, Columbus City Mission, Marshall Association, Ala.
A. A. Staples, Miami Springs, Miami, Fla., from Birmingham.
W. Malcolm Fuller, Fairfield Heights, Birmingham, Ala.

China Missionaries
Work In Bangkok

BANGKOK, Thailand—(RNS)— Several Southern Baptist missionaries have been transferred from China to the Cantonese community here.

Unable to secure a chapel, they have devoted their time to street preaching and making trips into nearby Chinese farming villages where they preach in the market places.

Missionary Edward D. Galloway has organized a Bible study class of about thirty members who aid in the street preaching. The missionaries are continuing their study of Cantonese in order to be ready to resume work in China when they can reenter.

For Sale: Used Theater Chairs, in excellent condition, for churches. Price \$2.95 each. For information write: L. T. MIZE, Thaxton, Miss.

Forty-five cottages all facing the Gulf of Mexico. Private tile baths, plenty of hot water. Good swimming and fishing.

Moody's Tourist Court

On West Beach Gulfport

WELCOME VISITORS
EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

ON THE GULF COAST -- IT'S STILL

Hotel Markham

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Sunday School Lesson

THE FIRST GENTILE CHURCH
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By HIGHT C. MOORE

At Antioch in Syria the first Gentile church was founded through preaching to both Jews and Greeks, and it was developed under the ministry of Barnabas and Saul who at the call of the Holy Spirit were set apart and sent forth as the first foreign missionaries (Acts 11:19 to 13:3).

1. ORGANIZATION FROM EVANGELISM featured the founding of the church.

(1) Driven from Jerusalem. Persecution scattered the disciples widely over Palestine and Syria. Many may have stopped in near-by cities, hoping to return; but some went as far as Phenicia the rich coastal province, Cyprus the great island in the eastern Mediterranean, and Antioch the populous Syrian city near the mouth of the River Orontes.

(2) Drawn to Antioch. A city of nearly a half million (only Rome and Alexandria outnumbering it), Antioch was capital of the Roman province of Syria, residence of governors and resort of emperors; an educational center with a great library and school of philosophy; a seat of commerce in a rich region; a magnet of licentious idol worship in the groves of Daphne. But the chief distinction of Antioch lies in the fact that here the most vigorous of the early churches was founded and flourished.

(3) First Preaching to the Greeks. Direct from Jerusalem came the first preachers intending to confine their ministry to the Jews of Antioch. But others who hailed from the island of Cyprus and the city of Cyrene began work among the Greeks. Here and elsewhere Greek-speaking Jews had been evangelized, but now for the first time the Greeks were directly addressed. A new phase of Christian work, it was attended with divine blessing, for "a great number believed, and turned to the Lord."

(4) First Gentile Church. With a mixed membership of Jews and Gentiles the church at Antioch was thus established; and together they wrought harmoniously, winning many converts and exerting great influence.

2. OBEDIENCE IN EDIFICATION featured the fellowship in the church.

(1) Anxiety of the Mother Church. Tidings of the wonderful work at Antioch reached the church at Jerusalem causing joy at the introduction of Christianity in a new center. Yet it aroused anxiety about possible complications that might arise over admission of Greeks and compromise with pagan customs. They therefore sent a fraternal messenger to give the infant church all needed encouragement, counsel, and help.

(2) Sending of Barnabas. The fittest man for the task was Barnabas: a loyal Levite; a native of near-by Cyprus; familiar with the Greek language used in Antioch; a generous contributor to benevolence; deeply spiritual; an excellent exhorter.

(3) Revival at Antioch. Barnabas was delighted to find at Antioch an active, united, and growing church in the heart of a pagan city. In his first message he "exhorted them all, that . . . they . . . cleave unto the Lord." He led a great evangelistic campaign in which "much people was added unto the Lord."

(4) Enlistment of Saul. In the growing work of the church Barnabas needed a co-worker who was a teacher, an organizer, and a missionary. He believed the man for the place was Saul of Tarsus: Born in the Cilician capital; son of Greek-speaking Jews; a Roman citizen by inheritance; gloriously converted;

Sam Brown Begins Ackerman Pastorate

Rev. Sam M. Brown has accepted the pastorate of the Ackerman Church and moved into the new parsonage about the middle of January.



He came from Siluria, Alabama, where a church auditorium was built during his ministry.

Mr. Brown is a graduate of Howard College, in Birmingham, and both he and his wife are graduates of

the Louisville Seminary. Following graduation at the Seminary, Mr. Brown was pastor of Delraida Church in Montgomery, Ala., where during his ministry an educational building was built and paid for.

Mrs. Brown, a graduate of the W.M.U. Training School is the former Jean Hays of Birmingham. They have three children: Samuel L., Judy Gail and Jean Larue.

Mr. Brown is one of ten children; all five boys are ministers, in addition to being sons of a minister, Rev. J. R. Brown.

persecuted for his new faith; and now in the prime of life as a preacher in his native region. To secure Saul as his assistant, Barnabas made a trip to Tarsus and succeeded in his mission.

(5) The Twelve Months of Teaching. Under their combined leadership the church assembled regularly for worship and systematic Bible study. The hortatory work of Barnabas and the doctrinal work of Saul were complementary to each other. For a whole year they wrought with such manifest power and success that the disciples in their loyalty to Christ now first received the designations of "Christians."

3. OUTREACH BY ENDUEMENT opened the world field for the church.

(2) A Missionary Church. The Holy Spirit honored a Christian body which had been a center of evangelism, a school of Bible study, a focus of famine relief, a citadel of Christianity. It was blessed by a number of prophets speaking authoritatively and perhaps foretelling events, and also teachers who carefully instructed the people in truth and righteousness.

(2) A Spiritual Leadership. The list of prophets and teachers leading in "the Antioch Movement" begins with Barnabas; includes Simeon Black, Lucius of Cyrene in north Africa, and Manian, foster-brother and playmate of Herod Antipas; and closes with Saul, the last to join the company. All were engaged in ministering unto the Lord in prayer and fasting.

(3) A Divine Call. None other than the Holy Spirit had spoken and his word could not be mistaken. It singled out for special work the two most brilliant and beloved men in the church—Barnabas and Saul—for work elsewhere. Could Antioch spare them from its fellowship? Yet the same Voice that summoned them to Antioch now called them for the regions beyond. And the will of the Spirit must prevail.

(4) A Significant Ordination. The church, acting affirmatively on the Spirit's suggestion, designated Barnabas and Saul for the foreign field and held an impressive ordination service with fasting and prayer, the laying on of hands, and the benedictory farewell. Never has there been such a significant setting apart of chosen workers for chosen fields.

Jackson Assoc. BTU Has Demonstration Program

The Associational Training Union "D" Night in Jackson County was held at the First Church of Moss Point.

All seventeen churches, as well as four missions, in the association were represented by 448 people. Mr. Charles Hightower is the Training Union director of the host church.

Bellfontaine Church won the Efficiency Banner, and Escatawpa Church won the Attendance Banner. Ocean Springs Church won the Mileage Banner.

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Methodists Oppose Federal Aid To Church Schools

DALLAS — (RNS) — Opposition to Federal aid to church was expressed here by the Dallas Methodist District Conference, which represents some 40,000 Methodists in the city's 39 churches.

About 500 laymen and ministers at the group's annual meeting asserted that such aid would be a wedge leading to a breakdown of the nation's traditional separation of Church and State.

The aid question came up in a report by the Conference committee on the spiritual state of the Church. "Many agree," it said, "that Federal aid is needed for public education—due to disproportionate distribution of wealth among the states, but that Federal aid should not be granted to sectarian schools is also the firm conviction of many. Strong pressure will be exerted by some citizens on behalf of parochial schools."

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ILLINOIS BAPTISTS OFFER FREE "WELCOME PACKET"

A specially prepared welcome packet has been provided as a free gift to all messengers and visitors who plan to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago, May 8-12, according to an announcement by Dr. Noel M. Taylor, Executive Secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Association, Carbondale, Illinois.

The free packet will contain an official road map of the state of Illinois; letters of welcome from the governor of the state, mayor of Chicago and Baptists of the state; a pocket size map of Chicago giving the location of the hotels and meeting places of the Convention printed for Southern Baptists; an identifying car sticker; a convention note book and a colored, printed brochure giving the history and information about Baptists in Illinois.

Messengers and visitors may secure a packet by making a request on a postal card to the Illinois Baptist State Association, Carbondale, Illinois. Give name and home address with name of hotel in Chicago. The free packets will be mailed as fast as they can be processed through the Illinois Baptist headquarters.

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PROPER PUBLIC RELATIONS: Proper public relations has been defined as "the art and science of getting along well with other people." It is getting through breakfast and still being in a good humor. It is making your wife feel that if she were getting married all over again she would choose you. It is doing good and letting others know about what you are doing in such a way that they will have a high regard for you and all that you represent. For the Christian, it is so living that others looking at your life will love Jesus and will copy your way of life.—Erwin L. McDonald.

EXECUTIVES OF CHILDREN'S HOMES MAY ASK ORPHANAGE COMMISSION

DALLAS, Tex. — (BP) — Southern Baptists may be asked to establish an Orphanage Commission with a full-time secretary. The idea was advanced by H. Truman Maxey, president, Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for Children, in his address to the annual meeting of the Association.

He cited the following advantages of the commission: (1) Coordination of effort in establishment of needed new homes. (2) Better advertise the ministry now performed by the orphanages. (3) Further emphasize consciousness of need in child care and welfare. (4) Properly emphasize child benevolence as an S.B.C. ministry. (5) Would provide leadership for training of young people in social and child welfare.

Maxey also listed several disadvantages: (1) S.B.C. does not own a children's home (2) tendency to overlordship (3) a better way might be a strong organization of the homes themselves (4) could hinder promotion.

Maxey, who is superintendent of the Oklahoma home, was re-elected president of the group.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD GREATLY appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Pontotoc County. They were sent by H. M. Gowers of Randolph.

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"DEACONS DO DEAK" Recommends Rotating System

By J. D. GREY, D. D.

First Baptist Church, New Orleans, enters its second year of using the rotation of Deacons. The entire church seems to be convinced that the plan is practical and will result in a more progressive service by these ordained servants of the Lord.

Many inquiries have been received concerning the plan of Rotating Deacons at the First Church, New Orleans. Accordingly we present here with an outline of the plan. The author is Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the church.

On January 1, 1950, twelve new Deacons began serving a three-year term. After their term is up they are eligible to re-election only after one year has elapsed. The church has 36 "elective" Deacons divided into groups of twelve, each of whom serve three years. It has seven "life" Deacons who are 65 years of age and/or who have served 25 years as Deacons when the plan was inaugurated. These "life" Deacons will serve until death or some other cause removes them.

Each year the church elects a committee on Deacon Nominations. This committee, in conference with the pastor, compiles a list of available men and receives nominations from individual church members. The committee considers these men in the light of the qualifications for Deacons in I Timothy 3:8-13 and in the light of their activity in the church. When the desired number have been tentatively approved for nomination, the pastor is requested to present the matter to the men selected.

This conference is usually held in the home with the man's wife or in the pastor's study. The qualifications of a Deacon and the honor and service of the office are explained, the man is informed that he and his wife will be asked to answer three specific questions before the church at the time of ordination. When the man and his wife gives their consent to have their name nominated to the church, the conference is concluded with a season of prayer. The committee then makes its report to the church in conference as soon as the desired number of men have given their consent to be nominated.

Deacons Quizzed

On Sunday morning, December 18, at the eleven o'clock worship service, which was broadcast over two New Orleans radio stations, the twelve new Deacons were ordained. These men with their wives met the pastor in his study fifteen minutes prior to the beginning of the service for the last minute conference and a season of prayer. Just before eleven these men and their wives marched into the auditorium and occupied the second row of seats just behind the present Deacons who always sit on the front row. During the ordination, the name of each man and his wife was called. They were asked three questions before the whole congregation: Whether they would (1) tithe; (2) attend one of the morning worship services, the Sunday night service each Lord's Day, and the Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, and (3) support the whole church program. (For the wives, the question was added, "Will you work in the Woman's Missionary Union?")

The wives are seated and the Dea-

RUNNELSTOWN HAS GROUND-BREAKING; NEW BUILDING TO SEAT 400



Shown above are those who attended the ground-breaking service of the Runnelstown Church, Perry County. Rev. Troy A. Sumrall, pastor, is shown shoveling the first dirt for the church's construction.

cons elect form a line in front of the pulpit facing the congregation. The Deacons elect kneel, and, following the reading of the Scripture passage and prayer, the ceremony of laying on of hands follows. The new Deacons stand at the front following the message and the benediction and the congregation passes by to give them Christian greetings.

New Deacons Assigned Jobs

Following the service each is presented a copy of the splendid book, "Honoring the Deaconship" by P. E. Burroughs. New Deacons will be assigned by the Chairman to various activity committees of the Deacons including the work of welcoming and interviewing new members at the conclusion of each service. This committee explains to the new members as soon as they join the church how our program is carried on. The new members are asked to indicate their record of activity in other churches and to indicate what service they would like to render with us. They are also presented our financial program and asked to sign a pledge card. They are given literature on Baptist history and doctrine as well as the policy and covenant of our church program.

Inaugurating Rotation

For two years prior to inauguration of the plan by the church May 12, 1948, the pastor discussed privately with each Deacon the possibility of such a plan. Each Deacon's reaction was noted on a private record by the pastor. When it appeared that an overwhelming majority of the Deacons favored the plan, the pastor had copies of the proposed program mimeographed and distributed them to the Deacons in a meeting, asked them to join him in recommending the plan to the church and gave 22 reasons why we should operate under such a plan.

Among these reasons were: (1) The plan honors "life Deacons" for their long service; (2) Every board and denominational agency in our Baptist life, many business corporations, civic and fraternal organizations use it satisfactorily; (3) Every organization and committee in our church follows rotation; (4) It gives the Deacons a "sabbatical leave" after their term is up to sit with their family in church or to serve in other capacities; (5) It enables the Deacon to gracefully retire from active service without criticism when conditions arise that prevent his rendering his best service; (6) It offers an incentive to young men in the church to aspire to the office of Deacon; (7) It gives more men in the church a "higher education" in the inner workings of our church life; (8) After a term of service

is up, it sends these men out into the church as informed, respected, and trusted leaders; (9) It enables the church to put to work more quickly capable, strong men who come among us as Deacons from other churches; (10) It honors Christ in permitting Deacons in humility to stand aside and let another be honored; (11) It will enlist more families in an intimate relationship to the church in that Deacon's wives and children are considered as well as the Deacon; (12) It will keep a church out of a rut and save it from staleness; (13) It will create a more wholesome, cordial attitude within our church at large, thus allaying any and all criticisms of the Deacons as an oligarchy; (14) It will challenge the young men of our church to grow in those finer graces that are laid down in I Timothy 3:8-13 as qualifications for Deacons; (15) It will make for greater efficiency in operating our ever-enlarging program by having a sufficient number of active Deacons to carry on the work.

Study the Plan

It is our belief that if any church will in a spiritual and cordial manner study the plan and adopt it, it will do away with all criticism such as "long-horned Deacons," or "Deacon dictators," and will change the Deacons in any church from a "supreme court" "passing upon all matters from the work of the janitor to that of the pastor" into a group of loyal, hard-working, trusted and respected servants of Christ who truly are the pastor's helpers and not hinderers. In other words, it produces "Deacons who deak!"

CHARLOTTE AND ATLANTA CONTEND FOR SEMINARY

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)—The Christian Index said this week that Charlotte and Atlanta were the leading contenders for the new theological seminary to be established in the southeast.

The Georgia Baptist paper added, however, that should North Carolina Baptists make immediate plans to move Wake Forest College to Winston Salem and make that campus available, it would receive favorable consideration.

A sub-committee charged with recommending a southeastern site is to meet in Birmingham, February 21, and receive formal offers from competing cities.

The sub-committee has agreed that minimum requirements for the bidding cities will include a 100-acre tract and \$1,000,000. The Index, without quoting its authority, said Atlanta and Charlotte were the only two cities prepared to meet these minimum requirements.

Runnelstown Church, east of Hattiesburg, held ground-breaking services in January and work has begun on their new building. The proposed plant will provide for 300 in the Sunday School and will seat approximately 400 in the sanctuary. At the ground-breaking service, Rev. W. L. Yeatman, former pastor, read the scripture passage and Rev. Bartley Hill led the prayer.

The building of brick veneer is to be constructed by local labor. The building committee is composed of J. G. Odom, L. S. Gandy, Dewey Campbell, Mrs. Ethel Pierce, Mrs. O. A. Phillips, Mrs. Thelma Sanford and H. C. Shoemaker. The finance committee is composed of J. G. Odom, L. S. Gandy, Mrs. Elsie Travis, Mrs. B. B. Runnels, Ed Stevens, Sable Bush and W. C. Weaver.

The church was organized in 1906, under the leadership of Rev. Henry Shirley. The old building, constructed in 1907, has been torn down and the new building will stand in the same place.

Rev. Troy A. Sumrall serves the church as pastor, holding services each Sunday afternoon. When the new edifice is completed in the spring the church plans to go full-time. They now own a five-room modern parsonage.

S.B.C. HAS 1950 GOAL OF 520,000 NEW S.S. MEMBERS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Southern Baptists must take full advantage of the momentum which in 1950 seems to be the natural atmosphere of their work. They must realize that more people can be reached, and reached faster. This is the opinion of Dr. J. N. Barnette, secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board.

He cited the net annual growth for the past five years as proof that it can be done.

"In 1944," Mr. Barnette said, "Our total net gain was 80,000. In 1949 our total net gain was 327,000. The average church gain is a thrilling story. It is as follows: 1944, 2; 1945, 6; 1946, 9; 1947, 11; 1948, 12; 1949, 13.

He gave two outstanding 1949 examples of gains. First Church, Dallas, gained a net average of 16 each Sunday. A small rural church, Mt. Gilead, near Griffin, Georgia, gained a net average of 4.5 per Sunday.

When asked how this information would help to shape the Southern Baptist Sunday School program, he said, "We are adopting as our goal an average net gain of 20 for each Sunday school." If Southern Baptists reach this goal in 1950 it will mean a total gain in Sunday school enrollment of 520,000.